

**BOROUGH OF
STALYBRIDGE**

Library

I



Annual Report



1963

of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
and
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

BOROUGH OF STALYBRIDGE

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

THE

A N N U A L R E P O R T

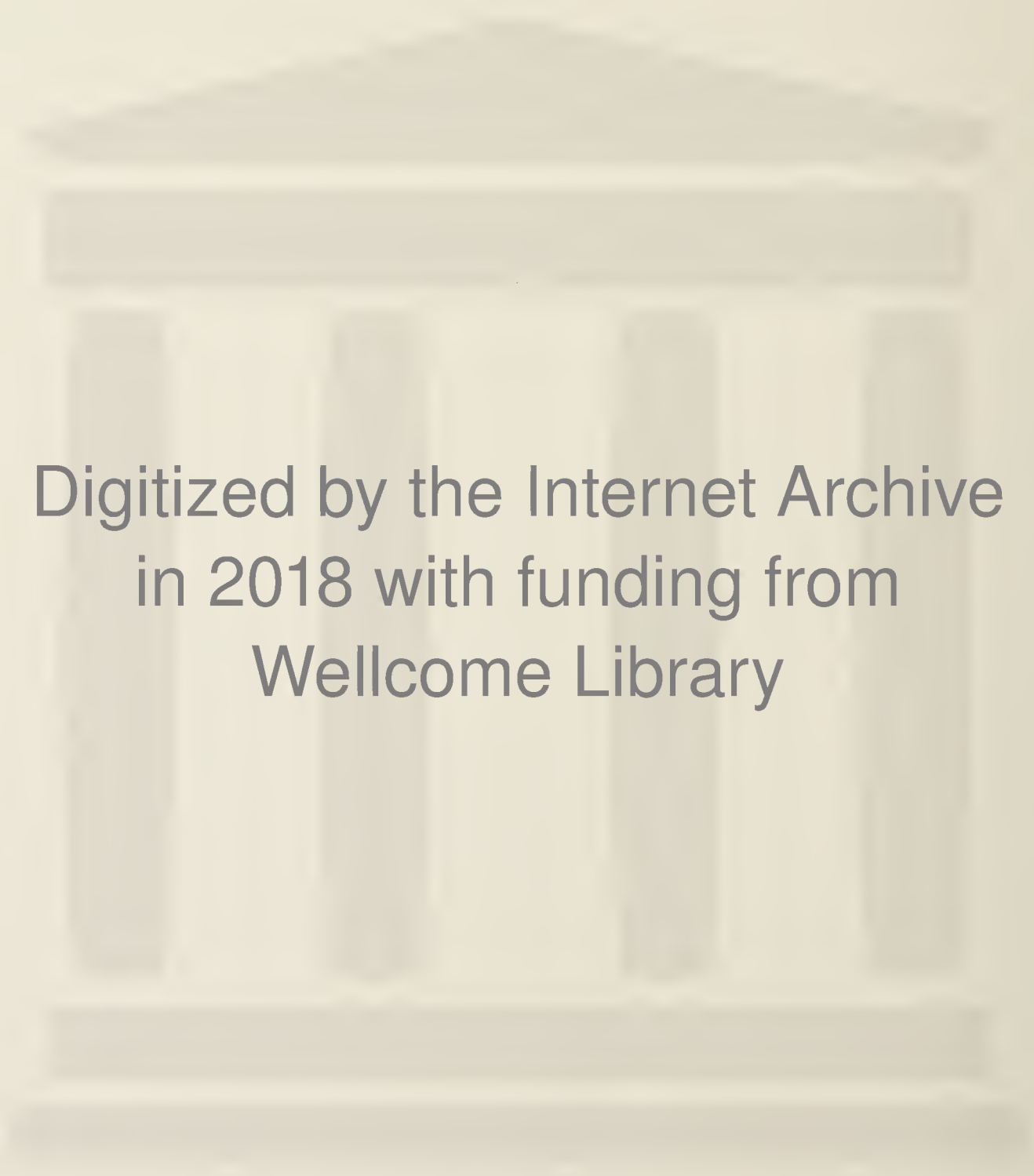
OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND OF THE

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1 9 6 3



Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2018 with funding from
Wellcome Library

<https://archive.org/details/b30133798>

I N D E X

Ambulance...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XII, XIII
Ashbins	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50
Bacteriological results	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Baths	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Births & Birth Rates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,8,11,14,V
Cancer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Chiropody...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XIV
Clean Air...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41,42,43
Cleansing Costs...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56
Cleansing Depot...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	51,52
Common Lodging Houses...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Committee - Health	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
- Divisional Health	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	A
Contagious Diseases of Animals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49
Convalescent Homes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XVII
Clinics - Ante-Natal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	VI
Child Welfare	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	V
Ear, Nose & Throat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	VIII
Hearing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	VIII
Ophthalmic	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	VII
Post-Natal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	VI
Physiotherapy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	VIII
Mothercraft classes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	VI
Day Nursery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	IX
Death Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,6,9,10,11,12,14
Death, Group cause of...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Defects, Housing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
Public Health Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
Dental Treatment	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	VIII
Disinfection	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
Disinfestation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
Domestic Help Service...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XVII,XVIII
Drainage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46,47
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Factories Act, 1937	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47,48
Inspection	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47,48
Food and Drugs Act, 1955	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18,19
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39,40
Food Inspection...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
Hairdressers & Barbers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48
Handicapped Persons	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XIV,XV
Housing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26,31,32,33,34,35
Ice Cream	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
Immunisation - Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	X, XI
Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XI,XII
Infectious Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21,22
Meat Inspection	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36,37,38
Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17

Milk Samples	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Mental Health	...	...	...	...	...	...	XIX,XX
Mortality,Analysis	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Infantile	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,6,9,14,15,16
Maternal	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,9
Mothers and Young Children - Care of	...	...	...	...	...	...	III
National Assistance Act, 1948 Sec.50	...	...	...	...	...	...	49
Nursing Requisites	...	...	...	...	...	...	XVI
Occupations	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Offensive Trades	...	...	...	...	...	...	48
Outworkers	...	...	...	...	...	...	48
Pet Animals Act, 1951	...	...	...	...	...	...	49
Physical Features of District	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Prevention of Illness, Care and After-care	...	...	...	...	...	...	XIII
Public Health Act - Defects	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
Public Relations	...	...	...	...	...	...	49
Refuse Collection	...	...	...	...	...	...	50
Disposal	...	...	...	...	...	...	52
Vehicles	...	...	...	...	...	...	51
Rents Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	...	...	36
Rodent Control	...	...	...	...	...	...	43,44,45
Salvage	...	...	...	...	...	...	53,54,55
Shops Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	48
Slaughterhouse...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38
Sickness, incidence of	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Sickness, Cleansing Dept.	...	...	...	...	...	...	51
Social Conditions	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,6,7,8
Smoke Observations	...	...	...	...	...	...	41
Staff - Public Health Department...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Divisional Health Office...	...	...	...	...	...	...	I,II
Statistics - Vital	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,6
Stillbirths	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,9
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	24,25,XIII
Vaccination - Smallpox	...	...	...	...	...	...	X
B.C.G.	...	...	...	...	...	...	XVI,XVII
Visits, Health Visitors	...	...	...	...	...	...	V
Public Health Inspectors...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Waste Water Closet Conversions	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
Water Supplies...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19,20
Welfare Foods	...	...	...	...	...	...	VI,VII
Welfare Centres	...	...	...	...	...	...	III
Workers, Voluntary	...	...	...	...	...	...	IV
Young Children...	...	...	...	...	...	...	V

BOROUGH OF STALYBRIDGE

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

(December, 1963)

Chairman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Alderman J. Porter, J.P.
Deputy Chairman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Alderman H. White
The Mayor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Councillor J. D. Lilley, J.P.
Councillor	A. Dugdale							Councillor K. F. Rae
"	G. B. Griffin							" G. Rayner
"	R. Gudgeon							" A. W. Sleigh
"	F. J. Howard							" H. Smith
"	N. Howarth							" J. D. Webb
"	H. A. Myers							" F. W. West
"	J. W. Price							

S T A F F

THOMAS HOLME, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

- Medical Officer of Health.

J. NORRIS, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.,

- Chief Public Health Inspector
& Cleansing Superintendent.

Inspector under Contagious
Diseases of Animals Act.

C. F. SPENCER, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.,

- Additional Public Health
Inspector.

F. B. MARSHALL, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.,

- 2nd Additional Public Health
Inspector.

A. CLOUGH, A.R.S.H., L.I.S.W.,

- Chief Clerk.

Clerical Staff.

MISS J. NORTON

MISS K. SELLARS

MRS. J. M. ADDY

MRS. E. BROOKS

MISS J. W. GREENWOOD (appointed 30.9.63)

P. R. RADCLIFFE

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Mr. Chairman, Councillor Porter and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you my Annual Report on the health of the town for the year 1963. The report takes its usual form and contains a section on the work of the Public Health Inspectors and Cleansing Department and also a section on those services administered by the County Council in this area.

My last report was written by a somewhat depressed Medical Officer sitting in a substandard building in the middle of a clearance area. As a result I felt far from stimulated - a feeling shared by the staff and which was in danger of affecting the work of the department. The picture has now changed completely, Cinderella has got her coach, the staff are working under well nigh ideal conditions and this is being reflected in the high morale and the standards being set and achieved. Some misgivings have been expressed about the site but the new building is a success improving as it has an area in the town centre which has been an eyesore for many years. The main drawback, in my opinion, is the difficulty which would arise if an extension were necessary in the light of future expansion of services or development of new ones.

On the vital statistics side the year 1963 was a good one. The infantile mortality rate dropped to 12.92 from 28.79, the birth rate rose to 19.49 from 17.43 and there was a fall in the death rate. We were beset by no major epidemics although the number of cases of notified measles remained high.

In my last annual report I commented on the work in the department carried out towards ridding the atmosphere of smoke. At the moment it is a tragic fact that the drive towards Clean Air has been halted and we are in a state of suspended animation. Yet figures show quite conclusively that this country is more prone to chest complaints such as bronchitis than any other country in the world. Admittedly, the climate may play its part, but is it not commonsense to deal with those harmful pollutants we know and can deal with by taking vigorous action in the declaration of smokeless zones and by educating the public so that it demands action rather than prevents it?

The work of clearing unfit houses has continued at an increased pace and the results of the Committee's activity in this field can be seen throughout the town. It is unfortunate that there has to be a time lag between initial action by your officials and final demolition and clearance of sites but this is inevitable. It has,

however, caused irritation from time to time - this irritation has at times been paradoxical on the one hand at the sight of neighbouring half derelict areas and on the other hand because of the fact that one's own house has not yet been represented to Committee. I can only say that as far as is possible with the time and staff available we are bringing to Committee unfit houses as quickly as we can and with some attempt at priorities.

During the year the Chairman and Members of the Committee have given invaluable help and advice and I would like to thank them along with the members of the Staff for their loyal support.

Yours obediently,

T. HOLME.

Medical Officer of Health.

August, 1964.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE BOROUGH

Area (in acres)	3,190
Population Census, 1961	21,947
Population mid-year 1963 (estimated)...	22,040
Estimated value of a Penny Rate	£2,460
Rateable Value 1st April, 1963	£622,465
No. of houses in Borough (approx.)	8,170
No. of business premises... ..	872

LIVE BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total	Total
Legitimate	172	190	362)	387
Illegitimate	12	13	25)	
Live Birth rate per 1,000 population				
crude		-	17.56	
corrected		-	19.49	
Illegitimate Live Births per cent				
of total Live Births		-	6.46	

STILL BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total	Total
Legitimate	2	4	6)	6
Illegitimate... ..	-	-	-)	
Still Birth rate per 1,000 live and				
still births		-	15.27	

	Male	Female	Total
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS	186	207	393

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

	Male	Female	Total	Total
Legitimate	3	2	5)	5
Illegitimate... ..	-	-	-)	
Death rate of infants per 1,000				
livebirths			12.92	
Death rate of infants per 1,000 livebirths				
legitimate			12.92	
illegitimate			00.00	

NEO NATAL DEATHS

	Male	Female	Total	Total
Legitimate	2	-	2)	2
Illegitimate... ..	-	-	-)	
Neo-natal death rate			5.168	

EARLY NEO NATAL DEATH RATE (UNDER 1 WEEK)

	Male	Female	Total	Total
Legitimate	2	-	2)	2
Illegitimate... ..	-	-	-)	
Early neo-natal death rate			5.168	

PERI NATAL DEATH RATE

	Male	Female	Total	Total
Legitimate	4	4	8)	8
Illegitimate... ..	-	-	-)	
Peri-natal death rate			20.35	

DEATHS

	Male	Female	Total
All causes	164	147	311
Death rate per 1,000 population			
crude		-	14.11
corrected		-	15.09

MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE

	Total
Maternal deaths	0
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 livebirths	- 0.00

PHYSICAL FEATURES OF THE DISTRICT.

The Borough of Stalybridge is still roughly triangular in shape, bordered on the south side by the Municipal Borough of Dukinfield and on the north west by the Municipal Borough of Ashton-under-Lyne and on the north and east by Mossley and Mottram respectively.

The River Tame, which at this point is the boundary of Lancashire and Cheshire, divides the town; the northern half lies in Lancashire, whilst the southern half lies in Cheshire. For administrative purposes the Borough is considered to be in Cheshire.

The Borough, surrounded by hills on all sides except the west is situate on the westerly slopes of the Pennine Chain, $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of Manchester and, although the main portion of the town is built round the River Tame at approximately 400 feet above sea level, the ground on the eastern side rises to a height of 1,000 feet.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Mr. H. Denton of the Ministry of Labour retired recently and I am indebted to his successor, Miss M. D. Longden, for the figures relating to industry in the town. From them it will be seen that textiles continue to employ the bulk of the people working in the town, the next in order of importance being engineering and electrical goods.

The average number of unemployed during 1963 remained at 272 (211 men and 61 women), the highest figure of 346 being reached in September. The figures include 50 disabled persons of whom 44 are men - a slight increase on the 1962 figures. The numbers engaged in the various trades are as follows :-

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Quarrying	31
Food, Drink and Tobacco	61
Engineering and Electrical Goods	1289
Metal Goods not elsewhere specified	813
Textiles	2770
Clothing and Footwear	514
Timber, Furniture, etc.	101
Paper, Printing and Publishing	269
Other Manufacturing Industries, Chemicals and Allied Industries, Vehicles, Leather, Leather Goods	970
Total All Manufacturing Industries	6818
Construction	226
Gas, Water and Electricity	864
Transport and Communication	447
Distributive Trades	736
Insurance, Banking and Finance	34
Professional and Scientific Services	336
Miscellaneous Services... ..	315
Public Administration	418
Grand Total	10194

Figures from the 1961 Census are now available and I include an extract below :-

Acreage, Population, Private Households and Dwellings

Area	Acreage	Population				
		1951 Persons	1961			Persons per acre
			Persons	Males	Females	
Stalybridge M.B. Wards:	3,190	22,541	21,947	10,452	11,495	6.9
Dukinfield	163	4,441	2,853	1,337	1,516	17.5
Lancashire	581	5,443	5,982	2,880	3,102	10.3
Millbrook	1,220	4,293	4,155	2,048	2,107	3.4
Stayley	1,226	8,364	8,957	4,187	4,770	7.3

	Private households and dwellings, 1961					
	Private house- holds	Popula- tion in private house- holds	Struc- turally separate dwellings occupied	Rooms occupied	Density of occupation	
					Persons per room	Percent -age of persons at more than 1½ per room
Stalybridge M.B.	7,745	21,860	7,724	33,330	0.67	4.5
Wards:						
Dukinfield	1,131	2,853	1,130	4,608	0.63	3.5
Lancashire	2,064	5,947	2,053	6,991	0.67	4.3
Millbrook	1,289	4,155	1,282	5,844	0.72	4.4
Stayley	3,261	8,905	3,259	13,887	0.65	4.9

BIRTH RATE

There was a further increase in the birth rate in the Borough in 1963 when 387 were recorded. This figure is made up of 184 males and 203 females, and gives a corrected livebirth rate of 19.49 per thousand population - the highest recorded since 1947. Once again the number of illegitimate births increased from 23 to 25 representing 6.46 of all births. This rate has for many years varied between 4% and 5% but the last four years have shown a gradual increase :-

Illegitimacy rates as percentage of total births

Year	
1960	3.7
1961	5.2
1962	6.02
1963	6.46

If this rate is a reflection of the moral standards of the day it is regrettable that the trend is as it is and I have no record in my files of a figure ever recorded as high as that for the year under review.

DEATH RATE.

The number of deaths in the Borough decreased by 21 to 311. Of these 164 were males and 147 were females giving a crude death rate of 14.11 per thousand population.

The corrected death rate for Stalybridge, that is the death rate adjusted for the particular variations in age and sex distribution in Stalybridge compared with the country as a whole, was 15.09. Once again the commonest cause of death was heart disease which claimed 95 victims against 98 in 1962. Coronary disease accounted for 57 of these deaths, an increase on the year before when there were 48. Chest conditions resulted in the deaths of 55 people (36 male and 19 female) included in which figure are 8 deaths from cancer of the lung and 31 deaths from bronchitis.

The number of suicides decreased in 1963 when there were 2 compared with 7 the year before. Both deaths were male.

INFANT MORTALITY RATE.

As I have commented before there are liable to be big swings in rates from year to year when calculations are made on small numbers of figures and this applies particularly to the infant mortality rate. There were, however, only 5 infant deaths this year compared with 11 in 1962 and the rate fell dramatically from 28.79 to 12.92. Table VI is, however, significant demonstrating as it does the trend over the last 63 years and providing also a visual tribute to those workers who have contributed so much to raise the health of the mother and child.

STILLBIRTHS.

There were 6 stillbirths notified in the Borough in 1963 - a substantial decrease from 16 in 1962. This gives a rate of 15.27 per thousand related births.

NEO-NATAL DEATH RATE.

The neo-natal death rate, which represents the number of deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age per thousand livebirths, was 5.168 compared with 10.47 in 1962.

PERI-NATAL DEATH RATE.

This rate is based on the mortality in the period surrounding the birth and includes both neo-natal deaths and stillbirths. It is much lower this year, 20.35 mainly as a result of the lower number of stillbirths.

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

There were no maternal deaths during the year.

1963

CAUSES OF DEATH

SHOWN AS PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DEATHS

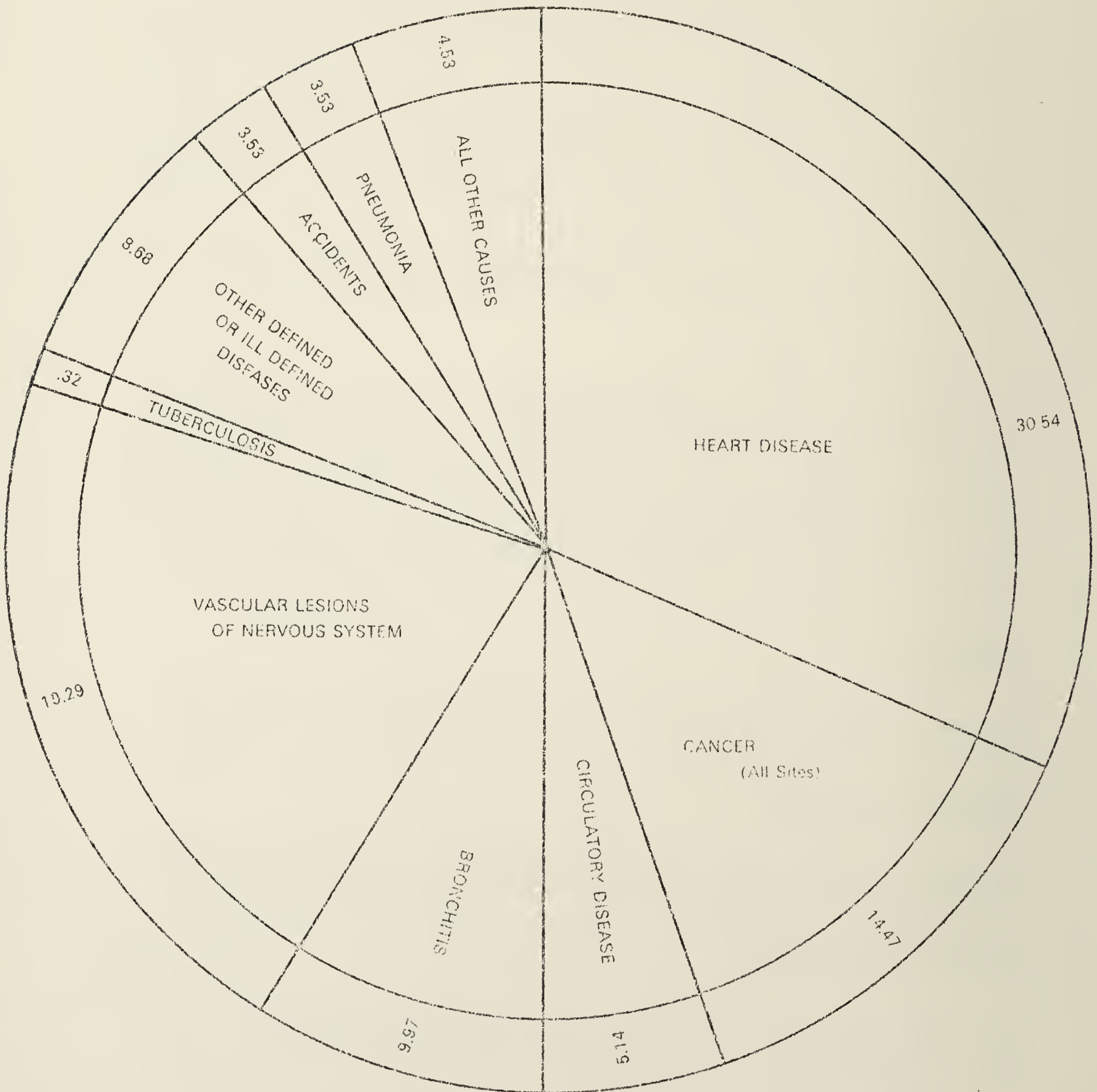


TABLE I

BIRTH RATE, DEATH RATE AND ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY during the year 1963

	Rate per 1000 Total Population		Rate 1000 Live & Stillbirths	Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 Related Births
	Livebirths	Deaths all causes		
England and Wales..... (provisional figures)	18.2	12.2	17.3	20.9
Stalybridge.....	19.49	15.09	15.27	12.92

TABLE II.

DEATH RATES

IN STALYBRIDGE AND ENGLAND & WALES

FROM 1950

Year	Death Rates	
	England and Wales	Stalybridge
1950	11.6	13.58
1951	12.5	15.83
1952	11.3	14.73
1953	11.4	13.016
1954	11.3	12.68
1955	11.7	14.32
1956	11.7	14.87
1957	11.5	14.295
1958	11.7	14.48
1959	11.6	13.93
1960	11.5	14.19
1961	12.0	16.304
1962	11.9	16.15
1963	12.2	15.09

TABLE III.

REGISTRAR GENERAL'S RETURN 1963

CAUSES OF DEATH IN VARIOUS AGE GROUPS

Cause of Death	Under 4 weeks	4 wks. & under 1 yr.	1 - 4 yrs.	5 - 14 yrs.	15 - 24 yrs.	25 - 34 yrs.	35 - 44 yrs.	45 - 54 yrs.	55 - 64 yrs.	65 - 74 yrs.	75 & over	Total all ages	
												M	F
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	2	3	2
" " lung & bronchus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	5	-	8	-
" " breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	3
" " uterus	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	5
" " other sites	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	7	9	12	12
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	2	1
Diabetes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	7	18	30	29	31
Coronary disease, angina	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	16	18	18	33	24
Hypertension with heart disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-
Other heart disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	5	25	15	20
Other circulatory disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	8	10	6
Influenza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Pneumonia	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	4	6	5
Bronchitis	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	11	12	20	11
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	1	3
Ulcer of stomach & duodenum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Nephritis & nephrosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Other defined & ill-defined diseases	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	4	17	8	19
Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1
All other accidents	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	4	2
Suicide	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
Total	2	3	2	2	1	4	6	18	54	85	134	164	147
												311	

TABLE IV.

BIRTH, DEATH AND INFANTILE MORTALITY

RATES IN THE BOROUGH FROM 1900

Year	Birth Rate	Death Rate	Infantile Mortality Rate
1900 - 04	24.58	20.1	210
1905 - 09	23.01	18.63	193.2
1910 - 14	21.63	17.92	165.48
1915 - 19	16.83	17.75	130.9
1920 - 24	18.56	15.08	114.9
1925 - 29	14.97	14.80	81.1
1930 - 34	13.47	13.78	73.80
1935 - 39	12.94	15.02	54.6
1940 - 44	15.42	16.11	60.57
1945 - 49	18.78	14.98	45.69
1950 - 54	15.56	13.97	28.43
1955 - 59	15.30	14.38	18.53
1960	17.08	14.19	15.79
1961	17.20	16.304	10.58
1962	17.43	16.15	28.79
1963	19.49	15.09	12.92

TABLE V

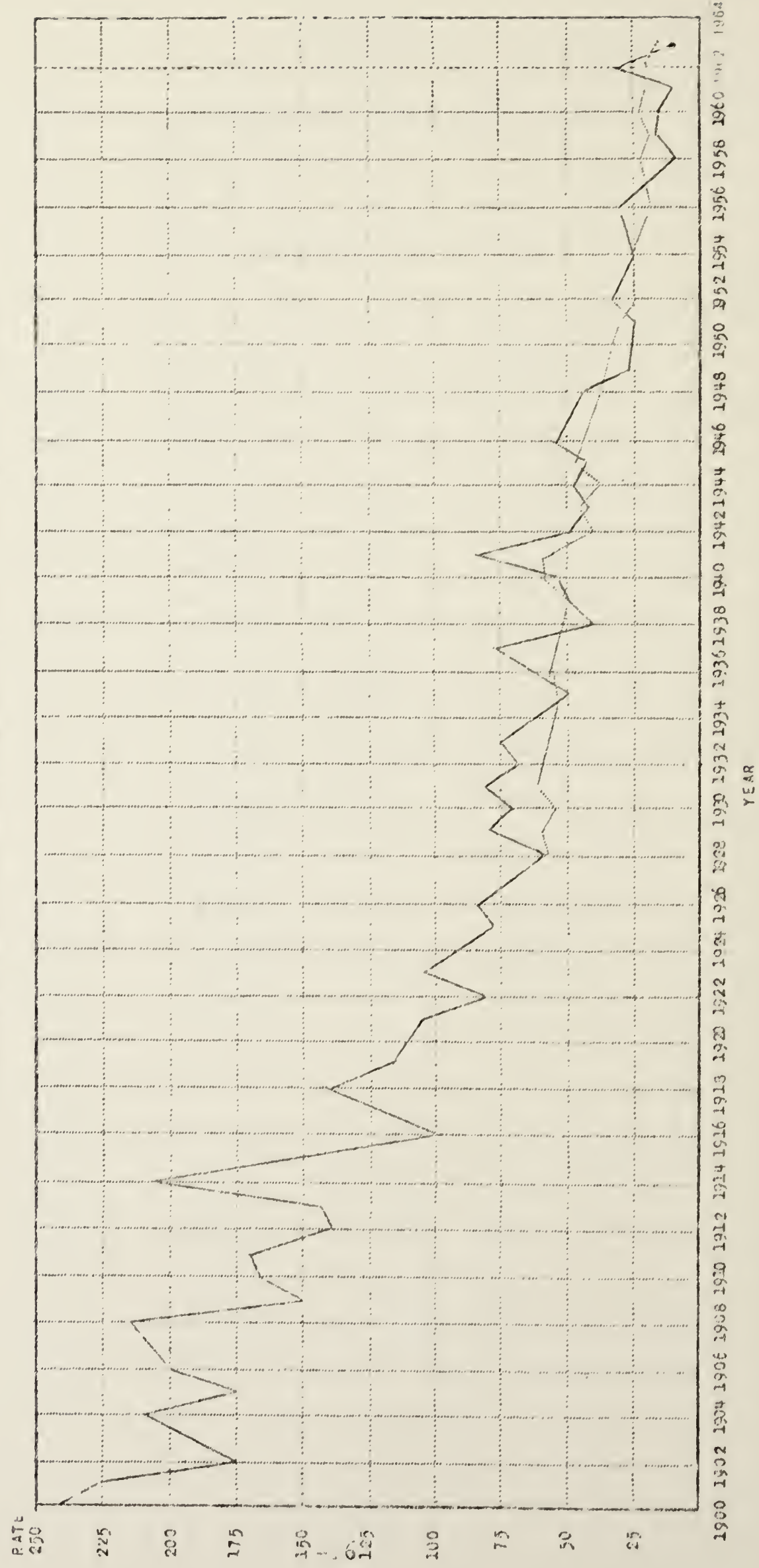
INFANTILE MORTALITY 1963

CAUSE OF DEATH	A G E (MONTHS)																						Total all ages	Rate 1000 Live Births
	1- M	1- F	2- M	2- F	3- M	3- F	4- M	4- F	5- M	5- F	6- M	6- F	7- M	7- F	8- M	8- F	9- M	9- F	10- M	10- F	11- M	11- F		
Pneumonia.....	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2.584
Other defined and ill- defined diseases.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5.168
All other accidents....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2.584
Gastritis.....	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2.584
Total	2	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	12.920

Neo Natal Rate 5.168 compared with that for 1962 10.47

INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE — STALYBRIDGE (1900 — 1963)

———— STALYBRIDGE INFANTILE MORTALITY per 1000 live — births
----- ENGLAND & WALES INFANTILE MORTALITY per 1000 live — births



GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH

SERVICES IN THE AREA

BACTERIOLOGY

The following specimens were forwarded to the Public Health Laboratory for investigation :-

<u>Sample</u>					<u>Positive for</u> <u>Pathogenic</u> <u>Organisms</u>	<u>Negative</u>	<u>Total</u>
Faeces	...	...	...	...	42	53	95
Throat Swab	...	...	...	...	-	2	2
Sputum	...	...	...	...	-	1	1
					42	56	98

I would like to thank Dr. Tobin and the staff at the Monsall Laboratory for their willing help and co-operation at all times.

MILK AND DAIRIES.

Since the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1950 came into force we have been supplied with details of the results of all samples taken by the County Medical Officer to whom I am grateful for the following information :-

TABLE VI

Type of Milk					Type of Test							
Past.	Ster.	T.T.	T.T./ Past.	Raw	Meth.Blue		Phosphatase		Turbidity		B. Tuberculosis	
					Satis.	Un- satis.	Satis.	Un- satis.	Satis.	Un- satis.	Satis.	Un- satis.
25	74	-	50	51	102	8	73	-	74	-	-	-

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

The CheshireCounty Council continue to administer the Food and Drugs Act and the samples of food noted below were obtained in the Borough during the year by the Weights and Measures Department of that authority. Mr. Howard Hughes reports as follows :-

<u>Sample</u>					<u>No. of samples obtained</u>	<u>No. of samples reported against</u>
Aspirin Tablets B.P. ...	...	...	...	...	1	-
Bilberries (Bottled) ...	...	...	...	...	1	-
Blackcurrant Juice Syrup	...	...	...	...	1	-
Butterkist (Sweet Corn)	...	...	...	...	1	-
Castor Oil ...	...	...	...	...	1	-
Cauliflower ...	...	...	...	...	2	-
Champagne Perry...	...	...	...	...	1	-
Cod ...	...	...	...	...	1	-
Cookies with fresh cream	...	...	...	...	1	-
Cooking Crumbs ...	...	...	...	...	1	-
Cooking Fat ...	...	...	...	...	2	-
Gingerbreads. Devon ...	...	...	...	...	1	-
Jam ...	...	...	...	...	1	-
Jelly ...	...	...	...	...	1	-
Milk ...	...	...	...	...	46	-
Mincemeat...	...	...	...	...	2	-
Molasses Tablets ...	...	...	...	...	1	-
Mushrooms...	...	...	...	...	1	-
Panadol Tablets...	...	...	...	...	1	-
Peas (Surprise)...	...	...	...	...	1	-
Plums ...	...	...	...	...	1	-
Potato. Mashed...	...	...	...	...	1	-
Raspberries. Tinned ...	...	...	...	...	1	-
Sausage. Pork ...	...	...	...	...	2	1
Slimbread...	...	...	...	...	1	-
Soneryl Tablets...	...	...	...	...	1	-
Toffee Apple Mix. ...	...	...	...	...	1	-
Witch Hazel Cream. B.P.C.	...	...	...	...	1	-
					77	1

Particulars of samples not up to standard during
the year ended 31st December, 1963.

<u>Sample</u>	<u>Result of Analysis</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Sausage. Pork	29.2% deficient in meat (Total meat 46%)	Fined £10 (each partner £5) plus £3.10.0 Analyst's Fee and £3.3.0. Advocate's Fee at Stalybridge Court

Particulars of complaints from private
purchasers not submitted to the Public
Analyst during the year ended 31.12.63

<u>From</u>	<u>Complaint</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Householder	Maggots in cheese	Investigated and no action taken. Cheese previously passed as fit for consumption by Medical Officer of Health one hour prior to complaint by householder.

WATER SUPPLIES.

5 samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination and the results were recorded as follows :-

1 sample of Town's water was found to be satisfactory.

1 sample of a small chlorinated supply serving 185 houses in the Millbrook area was found to be satisfactory.

3 samples of the spring supplies in the Carrbrook and Millbrook area were taken and all returned satisfactory results. One rural supply in the Carrbrook district is closely watched by the department and I am glad to report that the improvement brought about by filters has been maintained. This filtered water has always proved to be of a satisfactory quality.

I am indebted to the Engineer and Manager of the Ashton-u-Lyne, Stalybridge, Dukinfield (District) Waterworks, Mr. M. T. B. Whitson, for the following information :-

"The quality and quantity of water have both been satisfactory.

Bacteriological examination of piped supplies.

<u>Type of water</u>	<u>Samples taken</u>	<u>Results</u>
Raw	2	Quite satisfactory
Filtered water taken directly after filtration	33	" "
Filtered water - tap samples taken at various points in the Borough	86	" "
Chemical Analysis	2	" "
Plumbo Solvency.	Sodium Carbonate added before filtration. 27 samples were taken and the results were all satisfactory.	

No form of contamination has presented itself.

Population supplied from public water mains :

- (a) Direct to Houses - 21,940.
- (b) By means of stand pipes - NONE

Dove Stone Reservoir.

Progress of work at the Dove Stone Reservoir is satisfactory and it is anticipated that this reservoir should be impounding water early in 1965."

BATHS.

The following criteria have applied to the Public Swimming Baths for the past few years :-

- (1) Source of Supply - Town's mains.
- (2) Both pools are operated on the continuous turn-over system.
 - (a) Filtration (b) Aeration (c) Sterilisation by Chlorine Gas.

Chemical treatment is constant and frequent tests are taken to ensure that breakpoint chlorination is present giving a free chlorine reading of two parts per million with a potential hydrogen reading of 7.8 parts per million. The resultant bacterial counts under these conditions have been nil.

Periodically both pools are completely emptied and the basins scrubbed.

TABLE VI.

Infectious Disease Notifications, 1963.

	Scarlet Fever		Whooping Cough		Ac. Polio-myelitis		Measles		Dysentery		Meningo-coccal Infections		Pneumonia		Erysipelas		Food Poisoning		Tuberc. Rosp.		Tuberc. Meninges & C.N.S.		Tuberc. Other	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	-	-	2	2	-	-	7	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - "	-	-	3	2	-	-	15	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 - years	-	-	1	2	-	-	21	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 - "	-	-	1	-	-	-	24	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 - "	1	3	5	-	-	-	22	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9	1	3	2	2	-	-	37	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-14	1	1	1	1	-	-	4	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
15-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 & over	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 -14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 -14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	7	15	9	-	-	130	135	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	3	11	1	-	1	1	1	1

TABLE VII.

Incidence of the Main Infectious Diseases.1956 - 1963

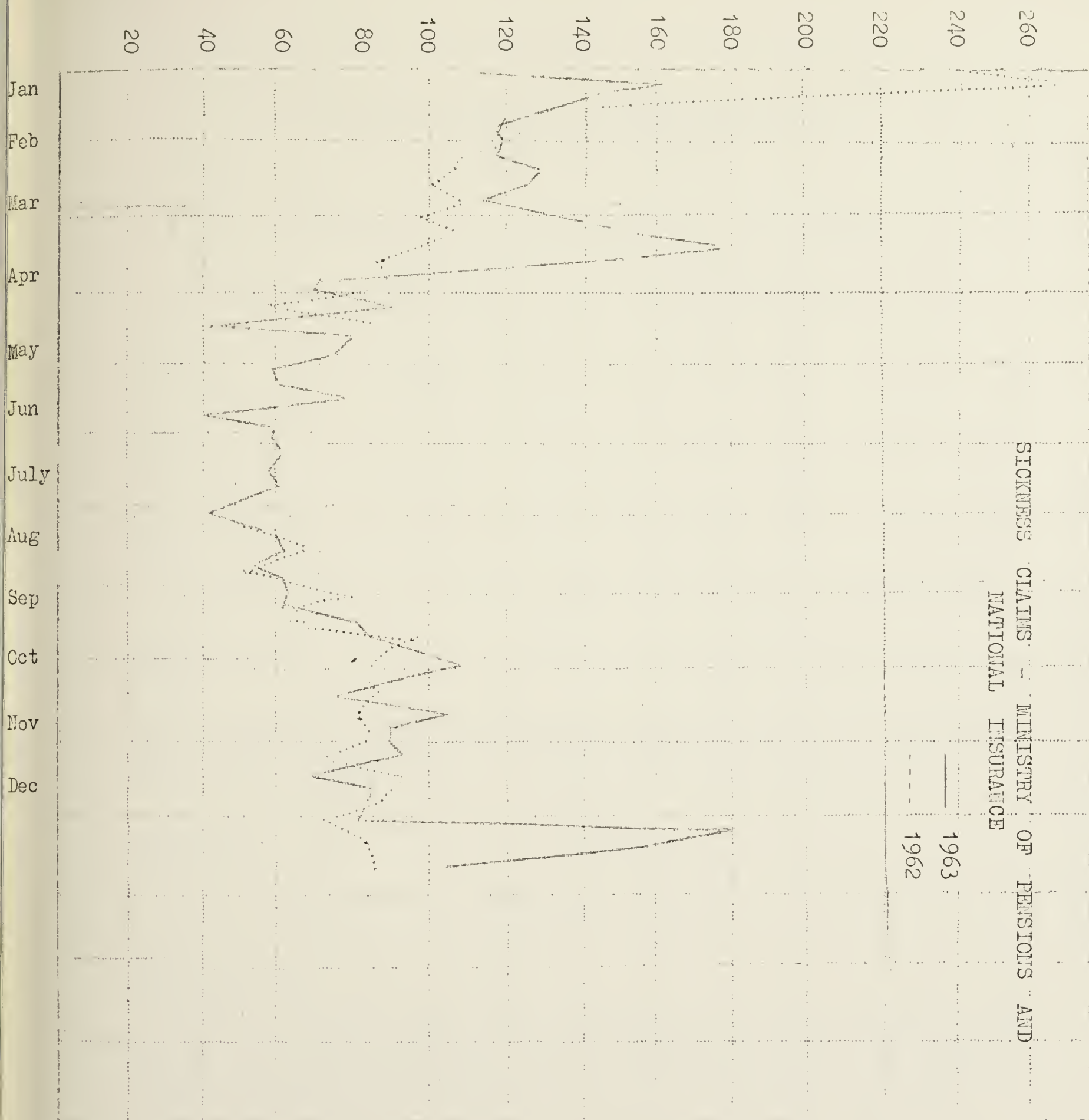
	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956
Typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	10	11	7	9	19	38	2	8
Tuberculosis (all forms)	15	11	13	14	7	10	22	15
Measles	265	128	189	245	394	31	298	3
Whooping Cough	24	18	14	63	30	36	30	78
Dysentery	-	31	-	156	7	20	229	6
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Miscellaneous	9	9	8	14	10	4	22	6
Total	323	208	231	501	467	141	605	118

SPECIFIC INFECTIONS.

There was an increased incidence of infectious diseases during 1963. This was due entirely to a greater number of cases of measles than occurred in 1962. Since 1959 I have received more notifications of measles than any other infectious disease and as I commented last year it appears to have lost its bi-annual characteristic during these years.

For some years past the Regional Controller of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance has issued weekly figures of the number of new claims for sickness benefit made during the preceding seven days. This is a useful guide to the sickness in the town although it does not, unfortunately, specify the conditions responsible. The figures obtained from the Ministry are shown in graphical form on page 23.

SICKNESS CLAIMS - MINISTRY OF PENSIONS AND
NATIONAL INSURANCE



TUBERCULOSIS TREND 1922 — 1963

..... Notification per 1000 Population
 _____ Deaths per 1000 Population

NOTIFICATIONS

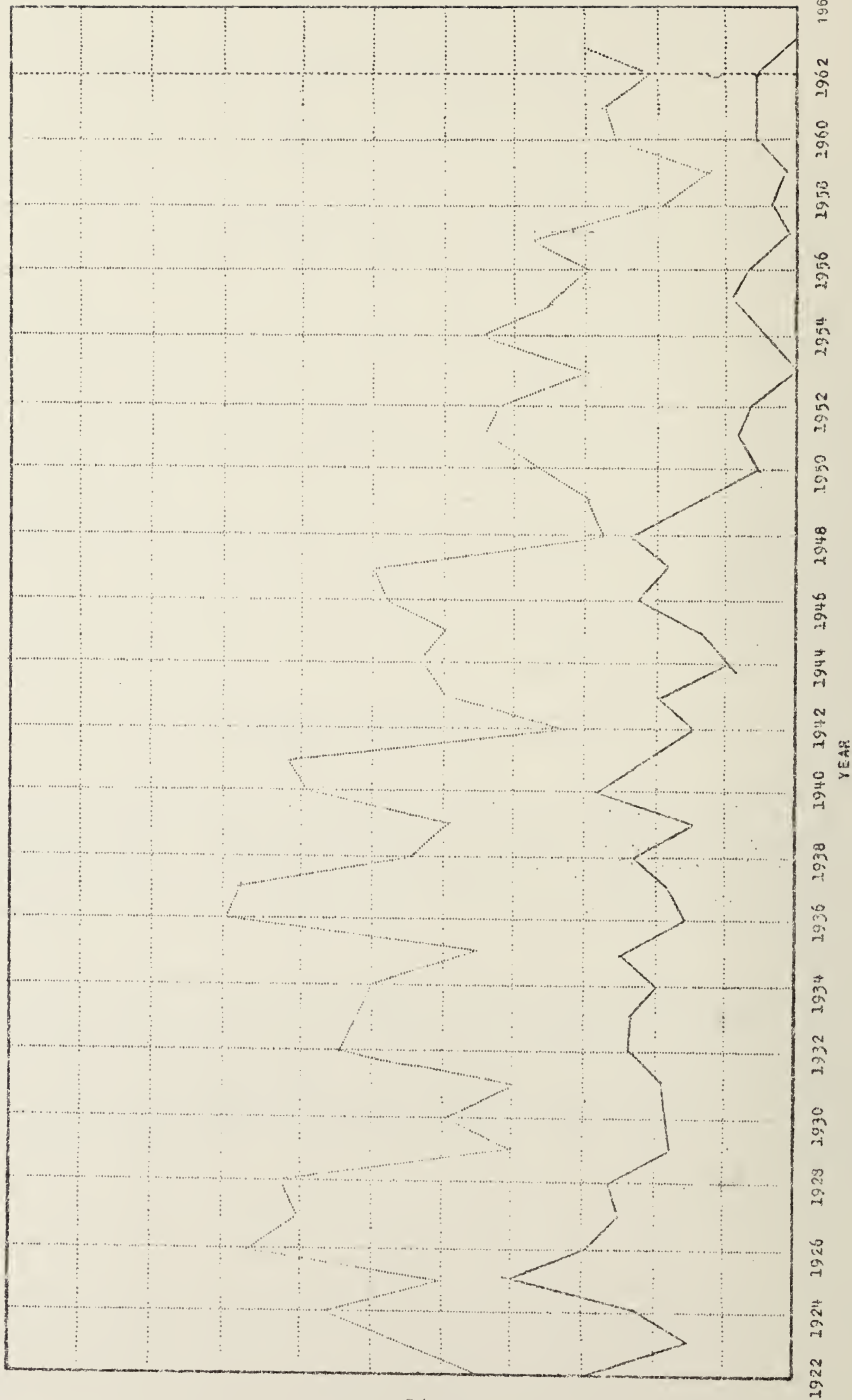


TABLE IX.

Cases of Tuberculosis remaining on Register
at December 1954 - 1963.

Year	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1954	75	62	15	13	90	75
1955	79	58	9	8	88	66
1956	84	59	9	6	93	65
1957	86	64	10	6	96	70
1958	82	62	9	6	91	68
1959	79	58	7	7	86	63
1960	73	52	9	6	82	61
1961	69	48	9	8	78	56
1962	67	44	10	8	77	52
1963	69	35	11	11	80	46

CANCER.

The number of deaths from cancer was less this year - there were 53 in 1962 and 45 in 1963. Of these 8 were of cancer of the lung or 17.77% of all cancer deaths, a decrease of 5.3% on the 1962 figure.

DYSENTERY.

There was 1 case only of dysentery to record for the year 1963.

FOOD POISONING.

There were no outbreaks of food poisoning during the year although isolated cases were reported. As in previous years a number of cases - 4 - have been discovered while doing routine bacteriological investigation of dysentery patients.

H O U S I N G.

The following table gives the number of houses which have been represented as individually unfit for human habitation since 1940 :-

TABLE X.

Year	No. of Houses Represented	
	<u>Section 12 (1)</u> <u>Closing Order</u>	<u>Section 11 (1)</u> <u>Demolition Order</u>
1940	3	-
1941	-	-
1942	-	3
1943	4	8
1944	2	5
1945	-	4
1946	-	3
1947	1	1
1948	-	-
1949	-	5
1950	-	8
1951	1	2
1952	1	4
1953	4	10
1954	16	1
1955	36	5
1956	11	4
1957	12	-
<u>Sections 16 & 17</u> <u>Housing Act, 1957</u>		
	<u>Closing Order</u>	<u>Demolition Order</u>
1957	9	8
1958	14	28
1959	6	13
1960	16	2
1961	16	9
1962	7	2
1963	13	-

During the year seven clearance areas were made involving 234 houses. These are detailed in Table II in the Chief Public Health Inspector's section of this report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
AND
CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT

FOR THE YEAR

1963

-----oOo-----

To the Chairman and Members of
the Public Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Councillor Porter and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you my seventeenth Annual Report on the work of the Cleansing Department and Public Health Inspectors section of the Public Health Department.

The high sickness rate amongst Cleansing Department workmen and the very severe weather conditions during January and February, plus wagon breakdowns made refuse collection and disposal difficult, but in spite of difficulties a reasonable service was maintained and very few complaints were received.

Clearance of unfit houses proceeded more or less according to plan, 234 houses were represented in Clearance Areas and a further 13 as individual unfit houses.

Meat inspection again kept the Department busy, particularly at weekends and following the coming into operation of the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963 in October, it was necessary for meat inspection to be carried out each Saturday and Sunday mornings and at holiday times.

During the severe weather in January and February complaints were made by a number of elderly occupants in the Springs Lane area of the Ridge Hill/Stamford Street Smoke Control Area about the alleged inadequacy of heating of the bungalows when using smokeless fuel. All complaints were investigated but it was found that reasonable fires could be obtained with the smokeless fuels available and that heat obtained from the fuels was at least as much as would have been obtained from the burning of coal. Advice was given on how to efficiently burn the smokeless fuels, but it is, of course, appreciated that elderly persons find the change in firing methods difficult, after being used to burning coal for so many years.

It was very much regretted that the date of operation of the Hague/Stonecliffe/Heyrod Smoke Control Order had to be deferred five months until 1st March, 1964, but the delay in carrying out conversion of firegrates left the Council no option.

The co-operation of Mr. C. F. Spencer, the Senior Additional Public Health Inspector who, unfortunately, was off sick for two months early in the year; Mr. Marshall the second Additional Public Health Inspector and the staff of the Public Health Department has been very much appreciated. The work of Mr. J. Brook, the Cleansing Department Foreman, who retired in November and Mr. N. Ellison who succeeded him is also appreciated as are the efforts of the employees of the Cleansing Department, particularly those who have been loyal to the Department for so many years.

In conclusion I would also like to place on record my appreciation of the help and assistance received from the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Public Health Committee and the support and interest shown by the members.

Your obedient Servant,

J. NORRIS.

Chief Public Health Inspector.

August, 1964.

TABLE I

	Number Visits	No. Notices served		Result of Service of Notice		
		Staty.	In- formal	Complied with	Out- standing	Prose- cution
Housing	2762	5	139	134	10	2
Yards, Courts, Passages	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drainage & Conversions	1222	132	70	106	96	-
Infectious Disease	15	-	-	-	-	-
Meat & Other Foods	674	-	-	-	-	-
Food Premises	175	-	6	6	-	-
Milk & Dairies	3	-	-	-	-	-
Ice Cream Mfr. & Shops	15	-	-	-	-	-
Water Supplies	7	-	1	1	-	-
Shops Acts	93	-	1	1	-	-
Factories Act	41	-	3	3	-	-
Refuse Collection	472	-	-	-	-	-
Refuse Disposal	292	-	-	-	-	-
Smoke Abatement (Industrial)	64	-	10	10	-	-
Smoke Control Areas (Dom.)	1680	-	2	2	-	-
Hairdressing Saloons	11	-	-	-	-	-
Schools	-	-	-	-	-	-
Keeping of Animals	4	-	-	-	-	-
Offensive Accumulations	10	-	15	15	-	-
Offensive Trades	1	-	-	-	-	-
Contagious Diseases of Animals	20	-	-	-	-	-
Pets Act	1	-	-	-	-	-
Rats & Mice Infestations	43	-	-	-	-	-
" " "						
(visits by Rodent Operator	2472	-	-	-	-	-
Unclassified Visits	384	-	22	22	-	-
Interviews	1096	-	-	-	-	-
Committee Meetings	28	-	-	-	-	-
Total	11586	137	269	300	106	2

HOUSING CONDITIONS.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACT DEFECTS.

During the year 460 complaints were received and investigated. The number in 1962 was 467.

5 formal and 269 informal notices dealing with 416 defects were served.

2 Prosecutions were taken, both against the owner of 95, Stamford Street. Details are as follows -

- | | | | | |
|----------|---|----------------|---|---|
| 18.2.63. | - | Nuisance Order | - | Order granted. £1. 1. Od.
costs awarded. |
| 18.2.63. | - | Section 39 | - | £2 fine + 10/-d. per day after
7 days + £3. 3. Od. costs.
The work was done within 7
days! |

CLEARANCE OF UNFIT HOUSES.

Clearance of unfit houses continued during the year. 7 further clearance areas were represented involving 234 houses. This figure includes 7 houses included in No. 3 and 4 Comprehensive Development Areas. In addition 13 individually unfit houses were represented (including 7 Cumberland Street where an undertaking to make fit was accepted).

Objections were received to the two Comprehensive Development Areas and a Public Inquiry was held on 18th February, 1964. Objections were also received to the Castle Hall No. 7 and Acres Lane and Lawton Street Clearance Areas - the Inquiry being held on 3rd March, 1964.

TABLE
CLEARANCE OF UNFIT

No.	Clearance Area	Clearance Order or Compulsory Purchase Order	Date of Order	No. of Houses Represented	No. of Houses Confirmed by Ministry	Houses to be demolished
1.	Henry St. & Thomas St.	CPO	1955	34	34	34
2.	Bridge St. No. 1	CPO	1955	6	6	6
3.	Bridge St. No. 2	CPO	1955	6	6	6
4.	Cartwright's Bldgs., Robinson St.	CO	1955	7	7	7
5.	Robinson St. & Summers St.	CO	1955	11	11	11
6.	High St. No. 1	Patching	-	9	9	-
7.	Castle Hall No. 1	CPO	1955	28	27	27
8.	Robinson St. & Binns St.	CPO	1955	15	15	15
9.	High St. No. 2	CPO	1955	6	6	6
10.	Castle Hall No. 2	CPO	1955	38	38	38
11.	Woolley's Terr. Peel St., Stanley St. & Robinson St.	CO	1956	36	36	36
12.	Ashton St. & Belfield's Yard	CO	1956	14	14	14
13.	Castle St. & Caroline St.	CPO	1956	8	8	8
14.	Grafton St. & John St.	CPO	1957	14	14	14
15.	Grouse St. & Friendship Yard	CPO	1957	13	13	13
16.	Newton St. & Mount St.	CPO	1959	35	35	35
17.	Tenter Brow	CPO	1959	9	9	9
18.	Castle Hall No. 3	CPO	1959	48	48	48
19.	Grosvenor St. & Caroline St.	CO	1959	12	12	12
20.	Hully St., & Water Road	CO	1959	6	6	6
21.	Shepley St., & Water St.,	CPO	1959	14	14	14
22.	Buckley Street	CPO	1959	5	5	5
23.	Grosvenor Street No. 1	CPO	1959	29	29	29
24.	Huddersfield Rd. & Platts Bldgs.	-	-	33	Order not made	
25.	Leech Street	CPO	1960	13	13	13
26.	Stamford St. & Ayton St.	CPO	1960	10	10	10
27.	Canal St. Grosvenor St. Bennett St.	CPO	1960	17	17	17
28.	Vaudrey St. & Cross Leech St.	CPO	1960	5	5	5
29.	Castle Hall No. 4	CPO	1961	41	41	41

II

HOUSES POST WAR SCHEME

Date of Representation	Date of Enquiry	Date of Confirmation by Ministry	No. of persons Displaced	
8. 3.55.	27. 9.55.	5. 1.56.	111	
8. 3.55.	27. 9.55.	5. 1.56..	20	Includes 3 owned by L.A.
8. 3.55.	27. 9.55.	5. 1.56.	17	
8. 6.55.	No objection	12.12.55.	12	
8. 6.55.	No objection	12.12.55.	29	
8. 6.55.	-	16. 2.56.	-	
8. 6.55.	24. 1.56.	8. 3.56.	86	Includes 9 owned by L.A.
5.10.55.	20. 3.56.	18. 6.56.	45	
5.10.55.	20. 2.56.	18. 6.56.	20	
30.11.55.	31. 5.56.	28. 8.56.	96	
5. 9.56.	No objection	25. 2.57.	86	
5. 9.56.	No objection	25. 2.57.	44	
5. 9.56.	No objection	25. 3.57.	16	
28. 8.57.	11. 2.58.	4. 6.58.	24	
28. 8.57.	11. 2.58.	4. 6.58.	23	Includes 10 owned by L.A.
3. 9.58.	No objection	14. 5.59.	22	
8.10.58.	No objection	14. 5.59.	18	
8.10.58.	No objection	4. 6.59.	114	Includes 13 owned by L.A.
3. 6.59.	No objection	17. 6.60.	40	
3. 6.59.	No objection	30. 8.60.	13	
3. 6.59.	No objection	23. 2.60.	38	Includes 4 owned by L.A.
24. 6.59.	No objection	4. 1.60.	12	
9. 9.59.	10. 5.60.	18. 8.60.	61	
3. 2.60.	Properties purchased	-	49	
9. 3.60.	No objection	11.10.60.	30	Includes 1 owned by L.A.
1. 6.60.	15.10.60.	7. 3.61.	24	
7. 9.60.	No objection	22. 3.61.	17	Includes 2 owned by L.A.
7. 9.60.	No objection	26. 1.61.	4	
9.10.60.	No objection	17. 5.61.	93	Includes 4 owned by L.A.

TABLE
CLEARANCE OF UNFIT

No.	Clearance Area	Clearance Order or Compulsory Purchase Order	Date of Order	No. of Houses Represented	No. of Houses Confirmed by Ministry	Houses to be demolished
30.	High St. No. 3	CPO	1961	11	11	11
31.	Grosvenor St. & Hallas St.	CPO	1961	7	7	7
32.	High Street/Booth Street	CPO	1961	102	102	102
33.	Back Grosvenor Street	CPO	1961	4	4	4
34.	Back Demesne Street	-	-	15	Order	not made
35.	Bower Grove	CPO	1961	13	13	13
36.	North End	CPO	1962	23	23	23
37.	Black Rock	CPO	1962	14	14	14
38.	Hollins Street	CPO	1962	2	2	2
39.	Booth Street	CPO	1962	8	8	8
40.	Ogden Street	CPO	1962	3	3	3
41.	Back Avon Street	CPO	1962	8	8	8
42.	Heap Street	CPO	1962	6	5	5
43.	Cocker Hill	CPO	1962	2	2	2
44.	Castle Hall No. 5	CPO	1962	189	188	188
45.	Castle Hall No. 6	CPO	1963	73	73	73
46.	Spring Bank, Heyrod	CO	1963	15	15	15
47.	Nos. 3 & 4 Comprehensive Development Areas (Unfit Orders)	CPO	1963	7		
48.	Castle Street Nos. 1 & 2	CPO	1963	19		
49.	Castle Hall No. 7	CPO	1963	72		
50.	Acres Lane & Lawton Street	CPO	1963	9		
51.	Stamford St./Wakefield Rd/Church St.	CPO		26		
52.	Montague St./Kinder St./Union St.	CPO	1963	13	13	13

II

HOUSES IN POST WAR SCHEME

Date of Representation	Date of Enquiry	Date of Confirmation by Ministry	No. of persons Displaced	
8. 3.61.	No objection	15. 9.61.	27	
26. 4.61.	No objection	15. 9.61.	11	
5. 4.61.	9. 8.61.	7.12.61.	215	
21. 6.61.	No objection	21.11.61.	10	
15.11.61.	Properties purchased	-	37	
8.11.61.	No objection	5. 7.62.	29	
7. 2.62.	No objection	15.11.62.	46	Includes 3 owned by L.A.
7. 2.62.	No objection	8.11.62.	48	
7. 2.62.	No objection	24.10.62.	8	
7. 2.62.	No objection	24.10.62.	27	
7. 2.62.	7. 6.62.	4.10.62.	7	
25. 4.62.	No objection	5.11.62.	19	
25. 4.62.	No objection	5.11.62.	7	1 part demolished house to be coloured grey.
25. 4.62.	No objection	5.11.62.	3	
6. 6.62.	No objection	24. 4.63.	455	Includes 3 owned by L.A. 1 lock-up shop colrd.gr
9. 1.63.	No objection	6.12.63.	158	Includes 15 owned by L.
9. 1.63.	No objection	20. 6.63.	23	
3. 4.63.	18. 2.64.			
5. 6.63.	No objection			
5. 6.63.	3. 3.64.		139	Includes 15 owned by L.
5. 6.63.	3. 3.64.		21	
5. 6.63.				Includes 3 owned by L.A.
7. 8.63.	No objection	11. 2.64.	20	Includes 6 owned by L.A.

RENT ACT, 1957

No applications for certificates of disrepair were received.

FOOD

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS INSPECTION

On 1st October, 1963, the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963 came into operation and from that date it was necessary for meat inspection to be carried out each Saturday and Sunday morning and at holiday times on Sunday evening. This means that each Public Health Inspector is on meat inspection duty one weekend in three in addition to holiday duty.

TABLE III

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed	1258	2157	34	6745	1131
Number Inspected	1258	2157	34	6745	1131
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS & CYSTICERCOSIS					
Whole Carcasses condemned	1	24	1	2	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	271	953	1	411	250
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticercosis	21.67	45.29	5.88	6.10	22.19
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	13
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.14
CYSTICERCOSIS					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	1	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	-	1	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

The approximate weight of meat and offal condemned at the Buckley Street Slaughterhouse is as follows :-

	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>
Tubercular	78 lbs.	881 lbs.
	34403 lbs.	43293 lbs.
	34481 lbs.	44174 lbs.

Details of meat and offal condemned are as follows :-

	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>
Whole carcasses	22	25
Part carcasses	38	61
Heads and Tongues	56	92
Lungs	880	868
Diaphragms	89	124
Hearts	103	77
Livers	833	979
Part Livers	809	774
Stomachs	36	40
Mesenteries & Intestines	24	37
Spleens	79	76
Kidneys	193	167
Plucks	30	48
Tails	8	11
Udders	339	441
Stomach & Intestines	11	2
Stomach & Mesentery	1	1
Intestines	1	-

SLAUGHTERHOUSE.

January 1st 1961 was the appointed day for the Construction Regulations to apply to our one slaughterhouse situated in Buckley Street. The Slaughterhouse is privately owned and leased to a wholesale butcher.

DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED MEAT AND OFFAL.

All condemned meat and offal is sold to a firm outside the Borough for processing after being stained green by the Meat Inspectors.

In addition the following have been condemned :-

80 tins Meat	1 tin Cream
47 " Soup	1 " Beans in Tomato
108 " Vegetables	1 " Treacle Pudding
10 " Fish	1 " Liver
82 " Fruit	1 " Ready Dinner
2 " Ham	1 " Beef Loaf
4 " Milk	9 jars Sandwich Spread
2 " Creamed Sago	6 " Sliced Beetroot
6 " Spaghetti	1 jar Peanut Butter
2 " Corned Beef	1 bot. Relish
11 " Rice Pudding	
2 " Tomato Juice	

The following is a list of shops in which food is sold :-

Grocery and Provisions ...	...	...	...	...	...	95
Bakers and Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	33
Fish Friers	...	...	...	...	...	23
Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	23
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	16
Sweets & Tobacco etc.	...	...	...	...	...	25
Fishmongers	...	...	...	...	...	7
Cafes	...	...	...	...	...	12
Tripe	...	...	...	...	...	1
Wines & Spirits	...	...	...	...	...	1
Outdoor Licences...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Factory Canteens...	...	...	...	...	...	16
School Canteens	...	...	...	...	...	11

PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 16
OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

<u>Ice Cream</u>	- Manufacture	1
	- Storage and Sale	87
<u>Preserved Foods</u>	- Preparation & Manufacture	51

In relation to ice cream premises the requirements of the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1947 - 1952 are complied with.

FOOD PREMISES.

The routine inspection of food premises continued during the year. A reasonable standard of hygiene is maintained generally and the majority of food traders are co-operative. The total number of visits to food premises during the year was 190 and the following is a list of visits made to the various types of food premises :-

	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>
Butchers' Shops... ..	26	45
Bakehouses	64	31
Cafes and Canteens	9	10
Fried Fish Shops	15	7
Ice Cream Manufacturing and Storage ...	11	15
Fishmongers	6	11
Other Food Premises	92	71

MOBILE FOOD SHOPS.

A number of food traders are now operating mobile shops and under a local act the licensing of all hawkers is required. No licence is issued without the vehicle being inspected and approved by the Public Health Department and in this way a reasonable standard of mobile food shop is attained.

ICE CREAM.

Distribution of ice cream within the Borough continues to be very satisfactory, only closed motor vans and trailers specially constructed and equipped with hot and cold water are used. The factory in which ice cream is manufactured is structurally unsatisfactory but the equipment is excellent. It is expected that a new factory will soon be erected.

5 samples of ice cream were taken during the year, the results were as follows :-

	<u>Manufactured</u>	
	<u>In Borough</u>	<u>Outside Borough</u>
Grade 1	1	3
Grade 2	1	-

CLEAN AIR.

Industrial Air Pollution.

The big majority of industrial firms keep well within the time limit laid down in the Dark Smoke (Permitted Periods) Regulations, 1958. None of the 49 observations showed contravention of the Regulations.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of observations</u>	<u>Number contravening Regulations</u>	<u>% contravening Regulations</u>
1952	15	-	Nil
1953	17	-	Nil
1954	92	10	10.86
1955	137	9	6.56
1956	168	2	1.19
1957	120	2	1.66
1958	42	1	2.38
1959	82	2	2.44
1960	172	2	1.16
1961	88	2	2.27
1962	65	1	1.54
1963	49	-	Nil

Domestic Air Pollution.

During the severe weather in January and February complaints were received from a number of elderly people in the Ridge Hill/Stamford Street Smoke Control Area that the heat given from smokeless fuel was inadequate. Considerable press publicity was given to the complaints which on investigation by Public Health Inspectors and Technical Representatives of the North Western Gas Board were not substantiated.

The Hague/Stonecliffe/Heyrod Smoke Control Order details of which were given in the 1962 Annual Report should have come into operation on 1st October, 1963 but owing to considerable delay in contractors carrying out grate conversions the date of operation was deferred until 1st March, 1964. 1,205 premises are included in the Order and it was very disappointing to postpone the date of operation but this was unavoidable in the circumstances.

As from 1st April the Council decided to rejoin the S.E. Lancashire and North Cheshire Consultative Committee for Investigation of Atmospheric Pollution. This was a wise decision - The Consultative Committee is very much alive and some very interesting and worthwhile information is obtained from the meetings, particularly from those of the Technical Sub-Committee.

On 29th, 30th and 31st August one of the Solid Smokeless Fuel Federation Mobile Exhibitions was present in various parts of the Hague/Stonecliffe/Heyrod Smoke Control Area. In conjunction with the Exhibition a half page supplement was included in the Stalybridge Reporter the previous weekend. Our thanks are due to the Reporter and the advertisers who co-operated in giving this publicity.

The following Smoke Control Orders are in operation in Stalybridge :-

Fern Bank Smoke Control Order	- 1st March, 1960
Castle Hall No. 1 Smoke Control Order (this includes the buildings to be erected on the sites of Castle Hall Nos. 1 & 2 C.P.O.'s)	- 1st June, 1960
High Street Smoke Control Order	- 1st June, 1960
Castle Hall No. 2 Smoke Control Order (this includes the buildings to be erected on the site of Castle Hall No. 3 C.P.O.)	- 1st January, 1962
Ridge Hill/Stamford Street Smoke Control Order	- 1st July, 1962.

Measurement of Air Pollution.

Two volumetric SO₂ and smoke recording instruments are in use - one in the Health Department and the other at West Hill School. In order to obtain a complete year's figures readings are taken during all holiday periods.

The following Table shows the comparison between the two sites :-

Month	Health Department						West Hill					
	Smoke			SO ₂			Smoke			SO ₂		
	Highest	Average	Lowest	Highest	Average	Lowest	Highest	Average	Lowest	Highest	Average	Lowest
Jan.	1668	120	526	1523	119	438	1732	32	429	1120	65	326
Feb.	748	152	298	591	118	239	512	72	157	415	48	198
March	692	88	269	424	89	179	476	44	121	291	33	114
April	588	56	196	369	77	155	492	20	128	243	29	100
May	332	92	130	281	56	110	284	56	100	266	24	104
June	332	28	81	258	32	105	128	8	46	156	16	50
July	304	16	117	248	55	114	184	24	65	106	14	49
Aug.	260	0	101	248	48	102	264	12	82	130	9	41
Sept.	836	88	265	253	71	135	660	130	219	388	16	45
Oct.	540	156	296	392	108	163	392	100	193	168	10	43
Nov.	992	92	279	465	65	185	952	116	243	244	8	59
Dec.	1620	148	400	593	80	159	1676	24	306	759	34	127

The above figures are shown in microgrammes per cu. metre.

RODENT CONTROL.

During the year the Rodent Operator made 2,472 visits. A further 43 visits were made by the Public Health Inspectors.

Two further sewer treatments were carried out again using Warfarin. The following figures show the takes recorded in the Warfarin treatments carried out over the past five years :-

April, 1959	-	285	out of	755	manholes	(37.7%)
October, 1959	-	220	" "	820	"	(26.8%)
April, 1960	-	116	" "	820	"	(14.1%)
October, 1960	-	178	" "	820	"	(21.7%)
April, 1961	-	107	" "	850	"	(12.6%)
October, 1961	-	152	" "	840	"	(18.1%)
April, 1962	-	87	" "	690	"	(12.6%)
October, 1962	-	81	" "	700	"	(11.5%)
April, 1963	-	45	" "	560	"	(8.03%)
October, 1963	-	120	" "	700	"	(17.1%)

256 surface infestations of rats and mice were reported during the year.

29 annual contracts were in force at the end of the year and the total income received from these amounted to £144. 0. Od.

Details of the work carried out in the Borough as detailed in Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food official form is as follows :-

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949
REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1963.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
	Non-agricultural				Agri- cultural
	Local Authority (1)	Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses) (2)	All Other (inc. Business Premises) (3)	Totals of Cols. (1) (2) and (3) (4)	
No. of properties in L.A.'s District	10	7848	872	8730	23
I. Total no. of pro- perties inspected as a result of notifi- cation	6	81	16	103	2
No. of such properties found to be infested by :-					
Common (Major	-	-	-	-	-
rat (Minor	2	3	10	15	1
Ship (Major	-	-	-	-	-
rat (Minor	-	-	-	-	-
House (Major	-	-	-	-	-
Mouse (Minor	1	2	10	13	-
III. Total no. of pro- perties inspected in course of survey under the Act	6	86	76	168	1
No. of such properties found to be infested by :-					
Common (Major	-	-	-	-	-
rat (Minor	4	4	20	28	1
Ship (Major	-	-	-	-	-
rat (Minor	-	-	-	-	-
House (Major	-	-	-	-	-
mouse (Minor	1	1	9	11	-

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
	Non-agricultural				Agri- cultural
	Local Authority (1)	Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses) (2)	All Other (inc. Business Premises) (3)	Totals of Cols. (1) (2) and (3) (4)	
IV. Total no. properties otherwise inspected (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose	-	-	-	-	-
V. Total inspections carried out - including re-inspections	77	542	436	1055	11
VI. No. of infested properties (in Secs. II, III & IV) treated by L.A.	8	10	49	67	2
VII. Total treatments carried out - inc. re-treatments	8	10	56	74	4
VIII. No. of notices served under Sec. 4 of Act:					
(a) Treatment	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Structural Work (i.e. Proofing)	-	-	-	-	-
IX. No. cases in which default action was taken following issue of notice under Sec.4	-	-	-	-	-
X. Legal Proceedings	-	-	-	-	-
XI. No. of "Block" control schemes carried out	-	-	-	-	-

DISINFECTION.

1 house was fumigated.

DISINFESTATION.

Insecticide containing D.D.T. is used for disinfestation and 13 premises involving 51 rooms have been treated by this method.

WASTE WATER CLOSET CONVERSIONS.

The first stage of the compulsory conversion scheme was satisfactorily completed early in the year and a tender accepted for the second stage - this was under way at the year end. The price varied from £21.15.0d. to £26 per closet. 183 conversions were carried out in the first stage and 145 in the second. Our records show that, apart from houses in proposed clearance areas, there will be less than 100 W.W.C.'s to be converted in the final stage.

The number of conversions carried out under the voluntary scheme i.e. a grant paid to the owner of £10 or half the cost of conversion whichever is the lower, is as follows :-

1947	-	10
1948	-	61
1949	-	19
1950	-	22
1951	-	39
1952	-	30
1953	-	23
1954	-	31
1955	-	32
1956	-	72
1957	-	40
1958	-	41
1959	-	70
1960	-	122
1961	-	69
1962	-	37
1963	-	26

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

59 drains, 47 W.W.C.'s, 18 fresh W.C.'s and 83 waste water gullies have been opened by the Cleansing Department employees during the year.

The Borough Engineer, Mr. M. Hyslop, has kindly informed me of the following extensions and improvements during the year :-

Extensions

1. Whelmar Estate Development soil and surface water sewerage.
2. Astral House soil and surface water sewerage.
3. Part of Ridge Hill Estate soil and surface water sewerage.
4. Part of Lindenwood Estate soil and surface water sewerage.

Improvements

Commenced culverting of Huddersfield (Narrow) Canal.
Caroline Street to Melbourne Street substantially complete.

FACTORIES ACTS.

117 visits to bakehouses and other factories have been made during the year. 3 informal notices have been served and complied with.

TABLE IV.

INSPECTIONS MADE BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS.

1. - Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

	No. on Re- gister	Number of		
		Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories without Mechanical Power	54	-	-	-
Factories with Mechanical Power	144	117	3	-
Other Premises under the act (in- cluding works of building and en- gineering construction but not including outworkers' premises)	5	-	-	-
	203	117	3	-

2. - Defects found

Particulars	Number of defects				Number of defects in respect of which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Insp-ector	by H.M. Insp-ector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilating (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective draining of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences -					
Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
Unsuitable or defective	4	4	-	-	-
Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences	-	-	-	-	-
	4	4	-	-	-

OUTWORKERS.

There are 18 outworkers in the town employed by firms both inside and outside Stalybridge. Each outworker is engaged in making wearing apparel.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

The only building used for the purpose of an offensive trade is one used for tripe boiling in Back Castle Street. The premises are visited regularly and kept in a reasonably satisfactory condition.

SHOPS ACT, 1950.

93 visits were made to shops in connection with health provisions and hours of closing under the Shops Act, 1950. 1 informal notice was served and complied with during the year.

REGISTRATION OF HAIRDRESSERS.

The number of premises registered for the purposes of hairdressing under Section 148 of the Cheshire County Council Act, 1953, remained at 34. The premises comply with the requirements of the bye-laws made under the Act and a good standard is maintained.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951.

3 premises are licensed under the Act. The premises are kept in a reasonable condition.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES OF ANIMALS.

The Swine Fever (Infected Areas) Restrictions which commenced on 7th December, 1962 continued until 19th February, 1963. Further Restrictions were imposed on 2nd April, 1963 and continued until 18th October, 1963. 66 movement licences were issued.

The Fowl Pest (Infected Areas) Special Order No. 11 came into operation on 24th October and was still in force at the end of the year.

Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order.

11 boiling plants are licensed under the above Order. Most of the plants are used by small stock-keepers and only a small amount of kitchen waste is treated.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

SECTION 50.

No burials were arranged during the year.

PUBLIC RELATIONS.

Talks were again given to the senior classes in the two Secondary Modern Schools. Clean Air was again the subject chosen.

A series of lectures on Food Hygiene was given to the St. John's Ambulance Association - food handlers employed in the various cafes and bakehouses were also invited to attend. The course was well attended.

REFUSE COLLECTION

DISPOSAL AND SALVAGE

REFUSE COLLECTION

During the year the following loads of refuse were cleared :-

House Refuse	3,667
Salvage	816
Pails	52
Number of ashbins emptied...	421,450

Three of four refuse collection gangs carry out a weekly collection except immediately after holidays and when gangs are depleted through sickness. The frequency of collection on the fourth gang is 6 working days.

During the winter months we had a number of vehicle breakdowns - one vehicle PLG 536 was out of action for several weeks awaiting delivery of spare parts - this vehicle is to be replaced early in 1964.

Provision of Ashbins.

As from April 1st 1952, ashbins were supplied by the Council as a charge against General Rate Fund and since that date 5,425 ashbins have been supplied. During the year 294 bins were supplied to domestic premises and 145 bins and 2 special containers were sold. The special containers were for use in the new blocks of flats at Clarence House.

Pail Collection.

The new pail collection trailer was delivered early in the year and has eased the objectionable task of emptying pails serving the 40 - 50 hillside farms and cottages. All pails are emptied weekly on Staurday morning.

Refuse Collection Vehicles.

Details of vehicles operated by the Cleansing Department are as follows :-

<u>Registered</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Purchased</u>	<u>Price</u> £	<u>Depreciated</u> <u>Year</u>
PLG 536	S.D.	8 cu. yd.	July 1952	1305	1959
PTU 171	Ford	10 cwt. Van	Jan. 1953	458	1959
ONE 147	Karrier	8/9 cu. yd.	Feb. 1954	850	1961
SXJ 486	Karrier	9 cu. yd.	May 1956	925	1963
860 ELG	Weatherill	Loading Shovel	Oct. 1958	1760	1965
924 NC	Karrier	18 cu. yd.	Dec. 1960	2213	1967
2541 NF	Karrier	18 cu. yd.	Aug. 1962	2330	1969
*419 YMA	Weatherill	Loading Shovel	Feb. 1963	2150	1967
4026 TJ	Ford	7 cwt. Van	July 1963	481	1970

* replaced 860 ELG

4 " PTU 171

Cleansing Department Labour

The number of working days lost through sickness rose to 715 days as against 364 in 1962 - this is equivalent to almost three men each week for the full year. The very severe weather during the early part of the year was, no doubt, partly responsible.

In November the Cleansing Department Foreman, Mr. J. Brook, retired after nearly twenty years service with the Department. Mr. N. Ellison of Dukinfield was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Wage Rates.

Cleansing Department employees received a wage increase of 7/- per week in September. The basic rate per week for ashbinmen is now £11. 5. 9d. and for drivers £11.18. 0d.

Depot.

During the year work commenced on altering the former Ashbridge Motors Garage in Market Street for joint use as a Cleansing Depot, Lighting Depot and Weights & Measures Office. The premises were occupied by the Cleansing Department on 31st December, 1963. Apart from paper baling; storage of scrap metal, disinfectant and ashbins; garaging of spare vehicle, trailers and pail tank trailer, the whole of the department is now accommodated at Market Street in much better accommodation. The improved facilities are much appreciated by the men.

Dean Street Depot

A fire occurred in the paper baling shed on 19th March, 1963. Considerable damage was done to the electrical wiring; water pipe; a salvage trailer and part of the roof. Whilst the baling press was not damaged it could not be used until the wiring was renewed. Had the baling shed not been reconstructed in fireproof material following the fire in March, 1961, the damage would have been much more extensive.

DISPOSAL.

Tipping of all refuse continued at the Brushes Tip. Covering material is excavated from the older parts of the tip and used to cover the refuse. The new loading shovel arrived in February, 1963.

The conditions on the Tip during the periods of snow, black ice and easterly gales were atrocious. On January 4th the tip could not be used because of "black ice" on the approach road and tip surface and the refuse was tipped on the tip of an adjoining local authority until the roads could be salted and ashed. On January 21st the access roads to the tip were blocked by snow drifts - the men were employed for the day on snowshifting. The gale force easterly winds blew paper over the Brushes Housing Estate - this was cleared by the engagement of additional labour as soon as conditions allowed. For a considerable period the ground was frozen so hard and the frost had penetrated so deep that it was impossible to excavate covering material.

Two tip fires, started by trespassers, occurred - one in May and one in December. The Tip Mess Room was broken into on several occasions, but nothing of value was taken.

Tipping Sites.

At the end of the year no further progress had been made in obtaining additional tipping sites but enquiries were continuing.

SALVAGE.

Details of the tonnage and value of waste paper collected since 1939 are given below :-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Weight</u> (tons) Records not available	<u>Value</u> £
1939	75	
1940	118	440
1941	127	568
1942	198	1132
1943	129	797
1944	116	722
1945	97	619
1946	121	813
1947	145	976
1948	180	1200
1949	181	1181
1950	190	1154
1951	185	2626
1952	165	1752
1953	194	1261
1954	252	1659
1955	280	2207
1956	315	2520
1957	321	2564
1958	316	2482
1959	335	2197
1960	346	2591
1961	330	2478
1962	265	1991
1963	227	1704

The following are comparative figures for 1962 and 1963 :-

<u>1962</u>	T.	C.	£
Paper	265	8	1991
Metal	11	4	119
Textiles	1	10	30
Sundries	-	-	8
	278	2	2148
<u>1963</u>	T.	C.	£
Paper	227	3	1704
Metal	9	13	103
Textiles	-	13	13
Sundries	-	4	13
	237	13	1833

Salvage income, unfortunately, continued to fall but at the end of the year the waste paper tonnage was increasing.

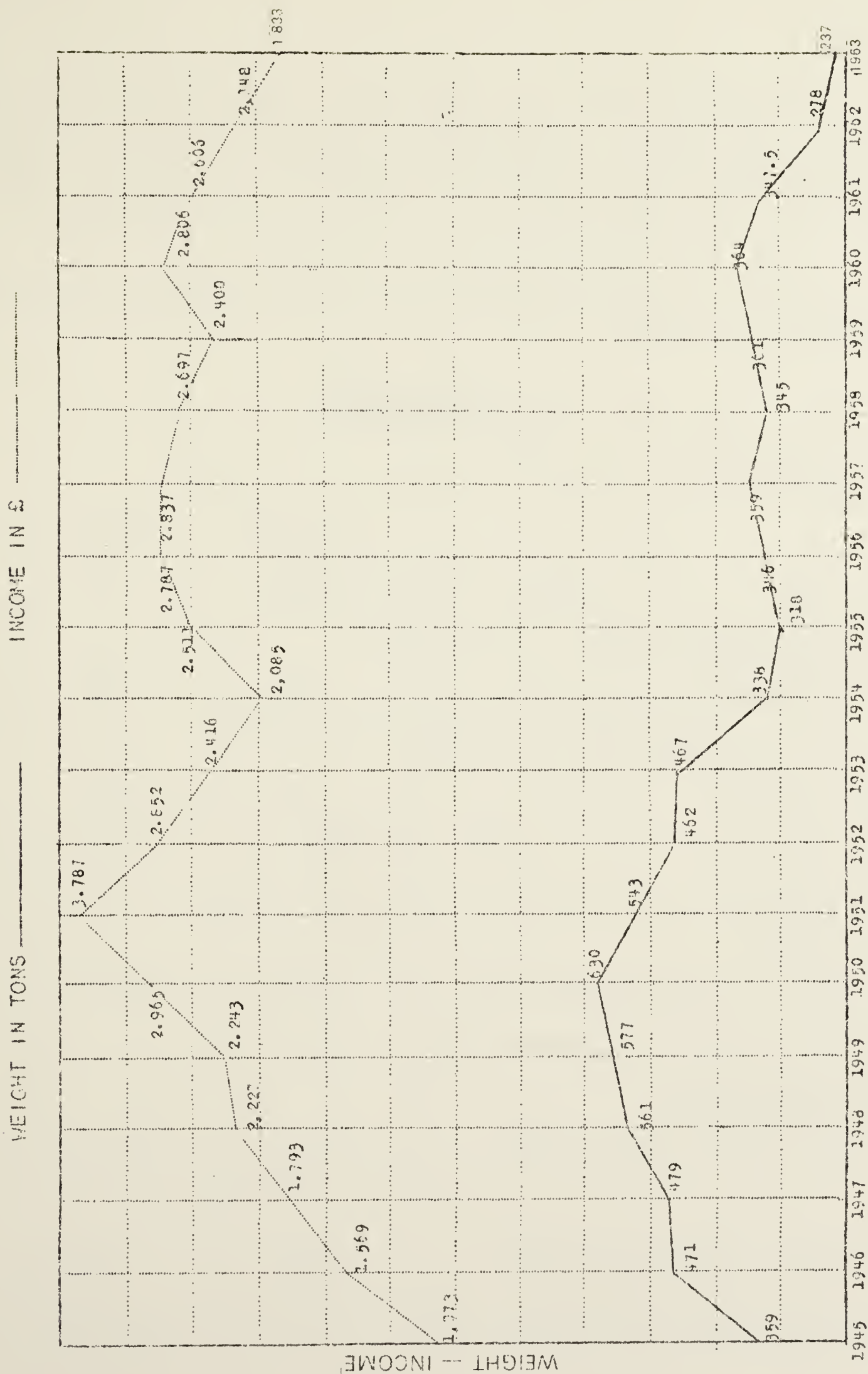
Salvage Bonus.

In the sixteen years the salvage bonus scheme has been in operation £4,441 has been paid to Cleansing Department employees. The bonus paid each financial year is as follows :-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>		
	£	s.	d.
1948/49	86	16	2
1949/50	60	6	2
1950/51	148	19	0
1951/52	512	11	1
1952/43	136	3	1
1953/54	159	17	4
1954/55	228	3	11
1955/56	367	2	3
1956/57	418	12	5
1957/58	435	0	4
1958/59	362	18	5
1959/60	332	10	6
1960/61	429	18	3
1961/62	356	16	0
1962/63	235	11	10
1963/64	169	18	5
	4441	5	2

SALVAGE - 1945-1963

COMPARISON BETWEEN WEIGHT OF SALVAGE
COLLECTED AND INCOME



COSTS.

The costs given below are those included in the Public Cleansing Costing Return submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for the year 1962/63. This return is submitted annually to the Ministry by Local Authorities of over 20,000 population. A summary of the whole of the costing returns submitted is published and interesting comparisons can then be made with Cleansing Costs of other Local Authorities.

It will be noted that Disposal Costs show a credit, this is because the Ministry require all salvage income (apart from kitchen waste) to be credited to Disposal.

COST STATEMENT 1962-1963

<u>Gross Expenditure</u>	<u>Collection</u> £	<u>Disposal</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
Labour	10977	843	11820
Transport	5921	-	5921
Plant, equipment, land and buildings	1265	1025	2290
Other items	628	154	782
Total Gross Expenditure	18791	2022	20813
Gross Income	507	2560	3067
NET COST	18284	538 Cr.	17746
<u>Unit Costs</u>			
Gross Cost per ton (Labour only)	s. d. 25. 5.	s. d. 1.11.	s. d. 27. 4.
Gross Cost per ton (Transport only)	13. 8.	-	13. 8.
<u>Net Cost per ton</u> (All expenditure less income)	42. 4.	1. 3.Cr.	41. 1.
	£	£	£
Net Cost per 1,000 population	325	24 Cr.	801
Net Cost per 1,000 premises	2104	62 Cr.	2042

S U P P L E M E N T

CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

STALYBRIDGE AND DUKINFIELD HEALTH DIVISION

REPORT OF THE
DIVISIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER
FOR THE YEAR 1963

STALYBRIDGE & DUKINFIELD DIVISIONAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN - July, 1962 - June, 1963 -- COUNCILLOR H. JOHNSON
July, 1963 - December, 1963 - ALDERMAN J. PORTER, J.P.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN - July, 1962 - June, 1963 - ALDERMAN J. PORTER, J.P.
July, 1963 - December, 1963 - MRS. L. SENIOR

COMMITTEE

Representing the Local Health Authority

Chairman of the County Health Committee, Coy.Ald.G.Astbury, J.P. (ex-officio)
Deputy Chairman of the Coy. Health Committee, Coy.Cr.F.McBirnie (ex-officio)
County Councillor A. Fleming
County Councillor E. S. Jones
County Alderman J.H.I. Radcliffe, M.A., J.P.
County Councillor J. Turner.

Representing Dukinfield M.B.

Councillor J. L. Bowker
Councillor J. Howard
Councillor P. Gossan (from June, 1963)
Councillor H. Johnson (to June, 1963)
Councillor Mrs. F. M. Murphy
Councillor Mrs. L. Senior
Councillor M. Taylor (from February, 1963)

Representing Stalybridge M.B.

Councillor J. Birch, B.Sc., (to June 1963)
Councillor J. D. Lilley
Councillor G. Rayner
Councillor N. C. Ridgway (from June, 1963)
Alderman Mrs. A. Slack
Alderman J. Wainwright
Councillor J. D. Webb
Councillor F. W. West
Alderman H. White (to June, 1963)

Co-opted Members

Councillor H. A. Myers (Dukinfield & Stalybridge Div.Education Executive)
Alderman J. Porter, J.P. (Ashton, Hyde & Glossop Hospital Management Comm.)
Dr. J. R. Wardley (Cheshire County Local Medical Committee)
Mrs. C. Betteridge)
Mrs. A. Denyer)
Mrs. B. B. McFarland) Co-opted by Divisional Health Committee
Mrs. L. Porter)
Mrs. M. T. West)

S T A F F

Divisional Health Office,
Stamford Street,
Stalybridge.

Divisional Medical Officer

- Thomas Holme, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Clerk to the Committee

- P. W. Musther, F.C.I.S.

Assistant County Medical Officer

- J. B. Hinchliffe, M.B., Ch.B.

Chief Clerk

- A. Clough, A.R.S.H., L.I.S.W.

Clerical Assistants

- P.R. Radcliffe, Misses J. Norton,
K. Sellars, Mrs. J. Addy, Mrs. E. Brooks,
Miss J. W. Greenwood (appointed 30.9.63)

Health Visitors (Stalybridge)

- Miss D. P. Flint, Miss E. Plaiter
Miss M. E. Mackenzie (resigned 9.7.63)
Miss S. E. Howarth

(Dukinfield)

Miss W. E. Beresford
Miss C. Hellings
Mrs. M. Knowles

District Nurses (Stalybridge)

- Mrs. E. H. Slater (retired 30.9.63)
Miss E. Ramsden (appointed 1.10.63)
Miss D. H. Garner,
Mrs. A. R. Porter,
Mr. E. B. Jones (resigned 2.5.63)
Mr. J. E. Billings (appointed 1.7.63)

(Dukinfield)

- Miss E. Ambler
Miss O. Morton

Midwives (Stalybridge)

- Miss N. Robinson
Miss H. Sowerbutts
Mrs. F. Dent (retired 30.6.63)
Mrs. J. Evans (appointed 1.7.63)

(Dukinfield)

- Miss L. Bradley
Miss L. O'Hara

<u>Senior Mental Welfare Officer</u>	- G. E. Lanceley
<u>Physiotherapist</u>	- Mrs. C. Cooke (retired 31.3.63) Mrs. R. White (appointed 1.4.63)
<u>Home Help Supervisor</u>	- Mrs. F. Dobson
<u>Dental Surgeons</u>	- Miss L. Kippen, L.D.S., D.P.D., G. J. Hartley, L.D.S., R. S. Wood, L.D.S.
<u>Specialists</u>	
<u>Ophthalmic Surgeon</u>	- B. Boas, M.D., (retired 1.4.63) - F.W.C. Brown, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H.
<u>Orthopaedic Surgeon</u>	- V. H. Wheble, B.M., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.
<u>Gynaecologist</u> - Stalybridge	- W.E.C. Thomas, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.O.G.
<u>Tuberculosis Physician</u>	- P. B. Woolley, M.B., M.R.C.P.
<u>Ear, Nose & Throat Surgeon</u>	- E. M. Innes, F.R.C.S., D.L.O.
<u>General Practitioner attending Welfare Centre, Dukinfield on a sessional basis</u>	- D. Milner, M.B., Ch.B.

CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

The three Welfare Centres in the Division are situated as follows :-

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| <u>Dukinfield</u> | - King Street, Dukinfield. |
| <u>Stalybridge</u> | - Mechanics' Institute, Stalybridge,
Clinic, Millbrook. |

Sessions are held as follows :-

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <u>King Street</u> | - Wednesday and Thursday afternoons |
| <u>Millbrook</u> | - Monday afternoon |
| <u>Mechanics' Institute</u> | - Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons |

Dukinfield Welfare Centre

1963 produced figures lower than the previous year insomuch as the total number of cases attending fell to 243 and they made 3,663 attendances - an average of approximately 15 per year. This represents more than one visit per month when mothers brought their children under five for weighing, advice and routine medical checks. I do not think the value of routine checks is fully appreciated by all mothers but they are certainly helpful in making it possible to reassure over anxious parents, to discover hidden defects at an early age, and also to obtain information about a child's progress and development which can be invaluable in later years.

There were no staff changes during the year.

Mechanics' Institute

Here again there was a dramatic fall in the number of cases attending and the number of attendances made, 2,539 compared with 3,959 in 1962. Even so the number of visits per case averaged 13 or slightly lower than at Dukinfield. The number of attendances may have been influenced by the fact that the building is old and uninviting, that there were staff changes during the year, and, that the year before there was a fall in birth rate of some 11%.

During the year Miss Plaiter left us and was not replaced as it was decided to cover Stalybridge by three health visitors rather than four. As a result it was found necessary to adjust the health visitors areas.

Millbrook

The number of cases attending this clinic increased from 53 to 68 but the number of attendances fell once again, to 885, a disquieting state of affairs.

Voluntary Workers

Once again on behalf of the Committee and the nursing staff I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the work so willingly and cheerfully given at the Dukinfield, Stalybridge and Millbrook clinics by the voluntary workers during the year.

General

There were no losses in office staff this year but we added Miss J. W. Greenwood later in the year in preparation for our move into the new building and in accordance with a recommendation of the O & M team. Miss Greenwood's appointment eased the work of the staff but at the same time aggravated the overcrowding in the general office. Altogether the end of the year marked an increasing sense of frustration on the part of all the staff as the new building progressed at a snails pace and the old building deteriorated at an alarming rate. It became apparent that the eighteen months completion date originally promised would be exceeded and did in fact become two years.

Mr. Thompson, the Mental Welfare Officer was transferred to the Altrincham area in June and he was succeeded by Mr. G. E. Lanceley who came to us from Crewe. I would like to express my appreciation of the help and co-operation given by Mr. Thompson to myself and this department. We had been associated for fifteen years and I greatly regretted his loss to the work in this division. He never failed to help us out at all times when we asked him and his knowledge was useful to us on many occasions. Mr. Lanceley has carried on where Mr. Thompson left off and I look forward to a period of co-operation and help similar to that we have experienced in the past.

In 1963 there were 633 births notified compared with 670 in 1962 and of these 397 took place in hospital or other maternity homes, that is 62.71% of the total. During the year the Regional Hospital Board called a meeting at Ashton General Hospital and outlined their proposals for the development of the hospital services over the next ten years. This included as the main proposal a new maternity unit by 1969 and the closure of the smaller units outside the hospital. This measure was severely criticised particularly by members from Hyde and Glossop. Your own area would hardly be affected by this proposal which may, of course, be modified in the light of the sentiments expressed at the meeting.

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>
Total births in the Division - livebirths.....	633	670
stillbirths.....	15	15
Total No. transfers into the division.....	141	148
Total No. of children attending for first time 0-1 year....	504	576
Total No. of attendances..... 0-1 year....	5202	6656
Total No. of attendances..... 1-2 years...	1006	1553
Total No. of attendances..... 2-5 years...	895	1284
Total No. of visits to new births.....	604	680
Total No. of secondary visits.....	8201	8564
Total No. of other visits.....	1309	1871

TABLE A.

Child Welfare Clinics

Quarter	March			June			Sept.			Dec.		
Clinic	S/B	D/F	M/B	S/B	D/F	M/B	S/B	D/F	M/B	S/B	D/F	M/B
New cases	46	51	17	82	80	23	36	57	13	29	55	15
Total 0-1 yr.	457	527	104	662	744	200	502	732	225	351	608	84
attend- 1-2 "	55	132	15	113	143	22	77	138	32	89	160	30
ances 2-5 "	74	102	57	77	118	48	56	124	41	26	135	37

The following table indicates the total births in the Division and the place of confinement :-

TABLE B

	<u>DUKINFIELD</u>						<u>STALYBRIDGE</u>					
	<u>Live</u>			<u>Still</u>			<u>Live</u>			<u>Still</u>		
	1963	1962	1961	1963	1962	1961	1963	1962	1961	1963	1962	1961
Gen. Hospital	127	140	134	9	2	4	183	162	182	3	11	3
Other Mater- nity homes & hospitals	27	39	43	1	1	-	60	74	62	2	-	2
Domiciliary confinement	99	98	96	-	-	-	137	157	124	-	1	2
Total	253	277	273	10	3	4	380	393	368	5	12	7

Ante Natal and Post Natal Clinics

These clinics continue to attract very few mothers and the attendances in 1963 fell to 124. Mothercraft classes resulted in a slightly increased number of attendances in 1963.

<u>Ante natal clinics</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>
No. of sessions.....	19	20
No. of new cases.....	34	38
No. of attendances.....	124	157
No. of patients on whom Rh.factor was investigated.....	30	36
No. of patients on whom a Wasserman test was performed....	30	36

<u>Post natal clinics</u>		
No. of sessions held.....	10	11
No. of new cases.....	19	12
No. of attendances.....	27	12

<u>Mothercraft classes</u>		
No. of sessions held.....	68	80
No. of new cases.....	155	152
No. of attendances.....	942	926

WELFARE FOODS

The sales of National Dried Milk remained much the same as in 1962 though there was a fall in the amount of Cod Liver Oil and Vitamin A & D tablets sold. The amount of orange juice bought increased to 4,320 bottles from 3,647 in 1962.

TABLE C.

	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
National Dried Milk	9,345	8,452	8,592	9,546	7,917	7,795
Cod Liver Oil	1,942	1,899	1,636	997	560	439
Orange Juice	11,831	10,902	10,424	6,206	3,647	4,320
A. & D. Tablets	1,342	1,377	1,409	1,075	554	461

The following table summarises the sale of foods during the year :-

TABLE D.

Quarter	March		June		Sept.		Dec.		Total	
	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962
National) @ 2/4d	1508	1771	1701	1673	1566	1648	1414	1657	6189	6749
dried) @ 4/-d	307	213	372	252	314	253	339	276	1332	994
milk) free	91	11	68	53	70	43	45	67	274	174
Cod) @ 1/-d	124	131	104	128	84	135	109	150	421	544
Liver } free	3	8	5	1	4	-	6	7	18	16
Oil }										
A. & D.) @ 6d	132	141	112	134	101	131	113	146	458	552
Tablets) free	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	3	2
Orange) @ 1/6d	949	761	1097	927	1136	967	1016	965	4198	3620
Juice) free	29	11	47	4	27	-	19	12	122	27

I would like to thank the voluntary workers in Dukinfield who co-operate with us so well and sell welfare foods at the clinic on our behalf.

SPECIALIST CLINICS

It is most essential when running Child Welfare sessions to have the backing of specialist clinics where cases can be referred for consultant opinion and advice and although the numbers referred under 5 years of age appear to be small this is no reflection on the great value of this type of clinic.

We were sorry to lose the services of Dr. B. Boas on grounds of health and at the same time express our pleasure that Dr. F. W. C. Brown came out of retirement to help us with the ophthalmic clinics. Dr. Boas has been with us a long time and he did excellent work in spite of failing health over the last few years.

<u>Ophthalmic (under 5 years)</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>
New cases.....	29	16
Total attendances.....	56	63

<u>Ear, Nose and Throat (under 5 years)</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>
New cases.....	14	17
Total attendances.....	31	20

Physiotherapy (under 5 years)

A large amount of most useful work is carried out at the physiotherapy sessions and altogether 3,262 attendances were made during 1963.

Mrs. C. Cooke retired on 31st March 1963 and ended an association that began with the introduction of the National Health Service Act in 1948. She had, of course, been working in Dukinfield before that and was in fact the most senior member of the clinic staff. She has given yeoman service to this department and helped many, many children along the road to improved health. She was most efficient, knowledgeable and kind and we all wish her well in her retirement. Fortunately for us she remains to help us as a helper on a voluntary basis at the welfare clinics. She was succeeded by Mrs. R. White who has already settled down and will, I know, maintain the high standard set in this department.

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>
Total attendances for interview by Orthopaedic Surgeon.....	236	170
Total attendances at Physiotherapist's Clinic.....	1693	787
Total attendances for U.V.R. treatment.....	1333	1516

Hearing Clinics

No. of sessions.....	23	28
No. of children examined (0-5 years).....	182	211
		3

Dental treatment

Ante natal patients	- new cases.....	2	2
	- attendances.....	9	3
Post natal patients	- new cases.....	9	3
	- attendances.....	18	19
Children under 5 years	- new cases.....	21	18
	- attendances.....	37	41
Dentures supplied.....		3	2

DAY NURSERIES

The Day Nursery average daily cost increased to 18/7³/₄d from 18/0¹/₄d the year before. During this period the County average had also increased from 16/9³/₄d to 17/1¹/₂d. Again the arguments which I must use for the extra cost at Dukinfield is the low attendance and the fact that the staff are all loyal and senior in service.

Because of rising costs in administration the County Council increased the charges in 1963. These now amount to -

- (i) The standard charge when both parents are working increased from 6/-d to 7/6d per child per day.
- (ii) Where more than one child of a mother is attending a Day Nursery, the charge for second and subsequent children attending at the same time increased from 5/-d per day to 6/-d per day.
- (iii) The charge for children of mothers who are single, separated or divorced and living as single increased from 2/-d per day to 3/-d per day.
- (iv) The charge for children whose father is unemployed, ill or otherwise unable to work raised from 3/-d per day to 4/-d per day.
- (v) The charge for mentally handicapped children attending at the specific request of the County Medical Officer of Health to be the same as that at a Junior Training Centre (at present 1/-d per day)

	1963	1962
Total attendances.....0-2 years.....	2424	2015
2-5 years.....	5035	4752
Average attendance per day.....	31	27
New cases admitted.....	21	21
Waiting list as at 31.12.63.....	17	15
No. of mothers in employment.....	37	37
No. of medical examinations carried out.....	86	30
No. receiving sunlight treatment.....	6	-

TABLE E.

	1957/58	1958/59	1959/60	1960/61	1961/62	1962/63
County average child/day	13/5 $\frac{3}{4}$ d	13/6d	14/9d	15/6d	16/9 $\frac{3}{4}$ d	17/1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d
Dukinfield child/day	16/5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d	13/9 $\frac{1}{4}$ d	15/8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d	15/2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d	18/- $\frac{1}{4}$ d	18/7 $\frac{3}{4}$ d
% attendance County average	87%	89%	89%	94%	92%	91%
Dukinfield	82%	88%	85%	91%	80%	83%

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

In 1963 the rationale of vaccinating babies at 3 months old was discontinued on the recommendation of the Ministry of Health that the optimum age appeared to be 12 months to 2 years. We now vaccinate at 1 year old and this has meant a gap in our programme of nine months. In addition there appeared to be a reactionary apathy on the part of the public following the panic created in 1962. These two factors therefore were instrumental in causing a marked reduction of vaccinations from 3,317 in 1962 to 150 in 1963 and of these 66 were performed by the General Practitioners in their surgeries.

TABLE F.

Vaccination - 1963

Age at 31.12.63.	-1	1	2 - 4	5 - 14	15 +	Total
Born in year	1963	1962	1961-59	1958-49	before 1948	
Vaccinated	3	67	19	11	29	127
Re-vaccinated	-	-	1	2	20	23

The figures for the fifteen complete years since vaccination ceased to be compulsory are as follows :-

1949	-	76
1950	-	223
1951	-	350
1952	-	459
1953	-	611
1954	-	318
1955	-	280
1956	-	269
1957	-	364
1958	-	325
1959	-	346
1960	-	366
1961	-	369
1962	-	3317
1963	-	150

Diphtheria Immunisation 1949 - 1963

The following table shows the number of children at 31.12.63 who had completed a course of immunisation at any time since 1.1.49.

TABLE G.

Age at 31.12.63 i.e. born in year	Under 1 1963	1 - 4 1962-59	5 - 9 1958-54	10 - 14 1953-49	Under 15 Total
Last complete course of injections (Primary or booster) A. 1959 - 1963	103	1516	2002	418	4039
B. 1958 or earlier	-	-	346	2240	2586

	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954
Total No. of children immunised by general practitioners at their own surgeries	118	157	243	219	110	123	142	155	193	166
Total No. of children immunised at clinics	707	628	536	615	463	777	208	348	480	650
Total (*inc.boosters)	825	785	779	834	573	*900	350	503	673	816

At present the number of children under 15 years of age who are fully protected is approximately 44.87% - a low figure. The number partially protected however is 73.61%.

Polio-myelitis Immunisation

During the last two years there has been a precipitous fall in the figures for immunisation by injection, the figures quoted for the year under review are in the main from the combined vaccine quadrilin which is given by practices in particular in the two towns. On the other hand the figures relating to the oral vaccine have shown a corresponding increase and although there are still children in the area unprotected the protection rate is still high.

TABLE H. Sabin Vaccine (Oral)

Year	One dose only	Two doses only	Third dose	Reinforcing
1961	-	-	-	-
1962	15	25	178	828
1963	24	29	326	665

TABLE I. Salk Vaccine (injection)

Year	One dose only	Two doses only	Third dose	Reinforcing
1956	-	143	-	-
1957	70	1013	-	-
1958	325	3200	306	-
1959	38	3183	4503	-
1960	214	1323	2388	-
1961	215	728	1681	1788
1962	187	292	1166	54
1963	-	34	72	44

AMBULANCE SERVICE

It is both impossible and imprudent to comment on this service now administered centrally. It is sufficient to point out that over the year you have considered three complaints and these have been followed up on your behalf at County level. Although control of the service is now at Chester, as a Divisional Health Committee it is still your duty to act as the local watchdog and discuss any circumstances which you think warrants investigation.

Early in the year you did consider a suitable site for the erection of a new Ambulance Depot to serve this Division and Hyde and your final choice of a site on Dewsnap Lane was eventually approved by the County Council.

TABLE J.

Ambulance			Sitting Case Car		
Journeys	Patients	Mileage	Journeys	Patients	Mileage
1734	10,894	31,833	82	630	2,258

Comparative Table of Journeys etc.

Year	Journeys	Patients	Mileage	Accidents
1949	5929	8238	27052*	414
1950	6502	11140	58221	555
1951	7235	11812	61450	587
1952	7013	12139	63094	592
1953	5640	11377	60864	161
1954	5895	12199	54460	175
1955	5457	13026	61076	136
1956	5624	14310	67754	135
1957	5155	12418	58778	226
1958	5633	12035	58107	189
1959	4419	12323	54018	179
1960	5114	14280	62877	313
1961	5110	14081	59231	267
1962	3230	13847	49060	?
1963	1816	11524	34091	?

*Stalybridge
figures only.

PREVENTION OF ILLNESS, CARE AND AFTERCARE

There was a marked fall in the number of cases of tuberculosis notified in 1963. In fact the incidence fell from 35 to 13 and the total number on the register fell from 245 to 225. Only 1 death was recorded from this condition in 1963. In the case of tuberculosis the Health Visiting staff paid 229 visits in connection with advice on prevention of spread and the domestic problems involved in this disease.

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-pulmonary</u>		<u>Total</u>
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
On T.B. Register at 31.12.63.....	120	66	23	16	225
Notified during 1963.....	10	1	2	-	13

Deaths from Tuberculosis

<u>Age</u>				<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-pulmonary</u>	<u>Total</u>
0 - 1 year	....	....	....	-	-	-
1 - 5 years	....	....	....	-	-	-
5 - 15 years	....	....	....	-	-	-
15 - 45 years	....	....	....	-	-	-
45 - 65 years	....	....	....	1	-	1
66 and over	....	....	....	-	-	-

Handicapped Persons

Once again I have included a table showing the state of the handicapped persons register at the end of the year. The numbers quoted are not necessarily accurate as a person is not included without his knowledge and these figures are, therefore, below the actual ones. When requested the Committee has always taken a sympathetic view of those in need and apart from general help by the provision of wheel chairs, nursing requisites and domestic help, four handicapped persons were assisted by providing either an improved approach to the garage or house. In addition you gave financial assistance to five handicapped persons for whom a convalescent holiday had been arranged by the Manchester and Salford Cripples' Help Society.

We are finding a gradually increasing request for assistance from handicapped persons - the result I think of an increasing knowledge of what the Divisional Health Committee can provide rather than an increase in the number of cases. I think there is still a large and important field of work in this connection both from a statutory and voluntary point of view and I would particularly mention the excellent work done by the Cripples' Help Society which holds a weekly class in Dukinfield on Thursday afternoons and which is well attended.

Chiropody Service

The Chiropody service continues to expand and during the year 2,689 treatments were given to 587 cases.

TABLE K.

PLACE OF TREATMENT	OVER 65		PHY.SICALLY HANDICAPPED	
	No. of Patients	No. of Treatments	No. of Patients	No. of Treatments
Chiropodist's Surgery	286	1234	20	132
Home of Patient	277	1299	4	24

Number of cases in which County Council paid full fees 547

Number of cases in which County Council paid part fees 40

TABLE L.

Handicapped Persons Register - 31.12.63.

Definition	Children under 16		Aged 16 - 64		Aged 65 & over		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Amputation	-	-	3	1	1	3	8
Arthritis and Rheumatism	-	-	6	22	5	58	89
Congenital malformations & deformities	-	-	13	8	-	2	23
Diseases of digestive & genito-urinary systems; heart or circulatory system; respiratory system (other than tuberculosis) and of the skin	4	6	9	8	18	56	101
Injuries of head, face, neck, thorax, abdomen, pelvis, or trunk. Injuries or diseases (other than tuberculosis) of upper and lower limbs and spine	5	1	4	6	3	4	23
Organic nervous diseases - epilepsy, disseminated sclerosis, poliomyelitis, hemiplegia, sciatica, etc.	4	3	15	13	-	3	38
Neuroses, psychoses & other nervous & mental disorders not included above.	3	4	1	-	2	4	14
Tuberculosis (respiratory)	-	-	1	3	-	-	4
Tuberculosis (non-respiratory)	-	-	1	4	-	-	5
Diseases and injuries not specified above	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Partially sighted	1	1	-	-	13	29	44
Totals	17	15	53	65	40	159	349

Nursing Requisites

The following items of nursing equipment have been issued from the Divisional Health Office, Stalybridge -

23 air rings,	1 pair of crutches,	26 rubber sheets,
24 urinals,	3 bed cradles,	17 wheel chairs,
34 bed pans	20 back rests	2 commodes
3 hoists	3 feeding cups	5 bath seats
2 beds	2 tripod walking aids	2 air beds

B.C.G. Vaccination

This year as I have commented earlier the number of cases of notified tuberculosis fell by 22. It would be rash to claim that this is due to B.C.G. vaccination but I do think that this may have played some part along with other measures such as improved housing, improved treatment of cases and the greatly improved prognosis of the disease which has made it less of a dread in the minds of affected people who have therefore come up for diagnosis and treatment more readily than was the case in the past.

The number of children eligible for vaccination in 1963 was 572 and consent for vaccination was received in the case of 430 - 75% or a reduction of 4% over the previous year. This is a little disappointing in view of the success we have achieved over the last ten years.

I would draw your attention to Table N. where the success of the campaign against tuberculosis is clearly shown. Of those children mantoux tested in 1963 7.4% showed a positive reaction compared with 40% ten years ago. I think this is a significant indication of a decline in the incidence of open tuberculosis, or a clean milk supply and of a marked improvement in the personal hygiene of patients themselves.

TABLE M.

	School children	Contacts
Consents issued	572	68
Consents received	430	68
% consents	75	
Mantoux positive	32	2
No. vaccinated	382	70
No. revaccinated	30	5
	Follow-up Mantoux	
No. tested	778	-
No. positive	734	-

TABLE N.

Year	% Positive
1954	40
1955	32.05
1956	26.9
1957	29.7
1958	21.1
1959	19.1
1960	19.7
1961	16.4
1962	11.36
1963	7.4

Convalescent Home Treatment

Arrangements are in operation with four Homes, two at St. Anne's-on-Sea, one at Marple and one at Buxton. 10 patients were admitted during the year and contributions towards the cost of 8 further cases, submitted by voluntary societies, were made.

Domestic Help Service

The number of staff during the year was 15 full time and 18 part time domestic helps, representing the equivalent of 27 full time helps. All of these were engaged in a temporary capacity. Altogether 269 cases received assistance of which the majority, 253 were aged and chronic sick. The total hours worked was $35,772\frac{1}{2}$ and the average number of cases attended weekly was 172.

253 of the total of 269 were long term continuation cases of the aged person or chronic sick type, a percentage of 94.05, an increase of .16% over the previous year. The number of maternity and nursing mother cases decreased to 8 and general sickness cases increased to 8. 980 visits were made by the Domestic Help Supervisor and 12 by Health Visitors to domestic help cases.

The total income from cases this year was £1,154. 2. 6d.

TABLE O.Cases attended by Domestic Helps

	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955
(a) Maternity cases, sick and nursing mothers	8	9	7	10	6	7	6	6	11
(b) General sickness including mental disorders	8	7	6	8	20	16	19	20	19
(c) Aged and chronic sick	253	246	245	267	254	235	228	191	164
(d) Tuberculosis cases	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	1	2
Total	269	262	258	285	281	259	256	218	196

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

THE REPORT OF THE SENIOR MENTAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR. G. E. LANCELEY,
IN RESPECT OF WORK CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE AREA OF THE STALYBRIDGE
AND DUKINFIELD HEALTH DIVISION DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED
31st DECEMBER, 1963.

1. Precis of cases dealt with under the
Mental Health Act, 1959.

Male Female

Patients admitted to Hospital informally for
Psychiatric treatment under Sec. 5, Mental
Health Act, 1959

26 5

Cases dealt with under Sec. 29, Mental Health
Act, 1959, i.e. admitted to hospital as a
matter of urgency.

1 -

Cases dealt with under Sec. 25, Mental Health
Act, 1959, i.e. admitted to hospital for a
period of 28 days for observation

11 20

Cases dealt with under Sec. 26 Mental Health
Act, 1959, i.e. admitted to hospital for
extended treatment

4 2

Cases dealt with under Sec. 40, Mental Health
Act, 1959, i.e. returned to Hospital after
absconding.

3 1

Cases dealt with under Sec. 60 & 64, Mental
Health Act, 1959, i.e. admitted from Court.

2 -

In addition to the above, the following cases were also dealt with by
the Mental Welfare Officer under the Mental Health and allied acts.

22 Male and 38 Female patients were treated at out-patient clinics during
the year thus obviating the necessity for their admittance to hospital.

In the case of 17 male and 19 female cases information was laid to the
Mental Welfare Officer but after investigation of the circumstances no
further action was taken under the Mental Health Act.

The Mental Welfare Officer visited 172 cases in their homes with the
Consultant Psychiatrist with a view to deciding the best form of treatment
to be afforded to the patients.

2. 2 male and 5 female patients were referred to the Geriatrician for admission to chronic sick beds.
3. 1 male and 6 female cases were referred to the County Welfare Department for admission to residential accommodation.
4. 5 female patients were admitted into Ashton General Hospital on a day basis.
5. 4 male and 6 female patients were referred to other Agencies not enumerated above, i.e. Reception Centre.
6. 3 sub-normal patients were admitted into Hospital for periods of short term care, to relieve the parents of the responsibility for a short while.
7. After care of patients discharged from hospital within the District has been carried out throughout the year and 356 visits have been made for the whole of the District.
8. Domiciliary supervision of sub-normal and severely sub-normal patients has been carried out within the District.
9. 340 patients have been conveyed to out-patient clinics for consultation with the Consultant Psychiatrist or to receive treatment throughout the year when necessary.

